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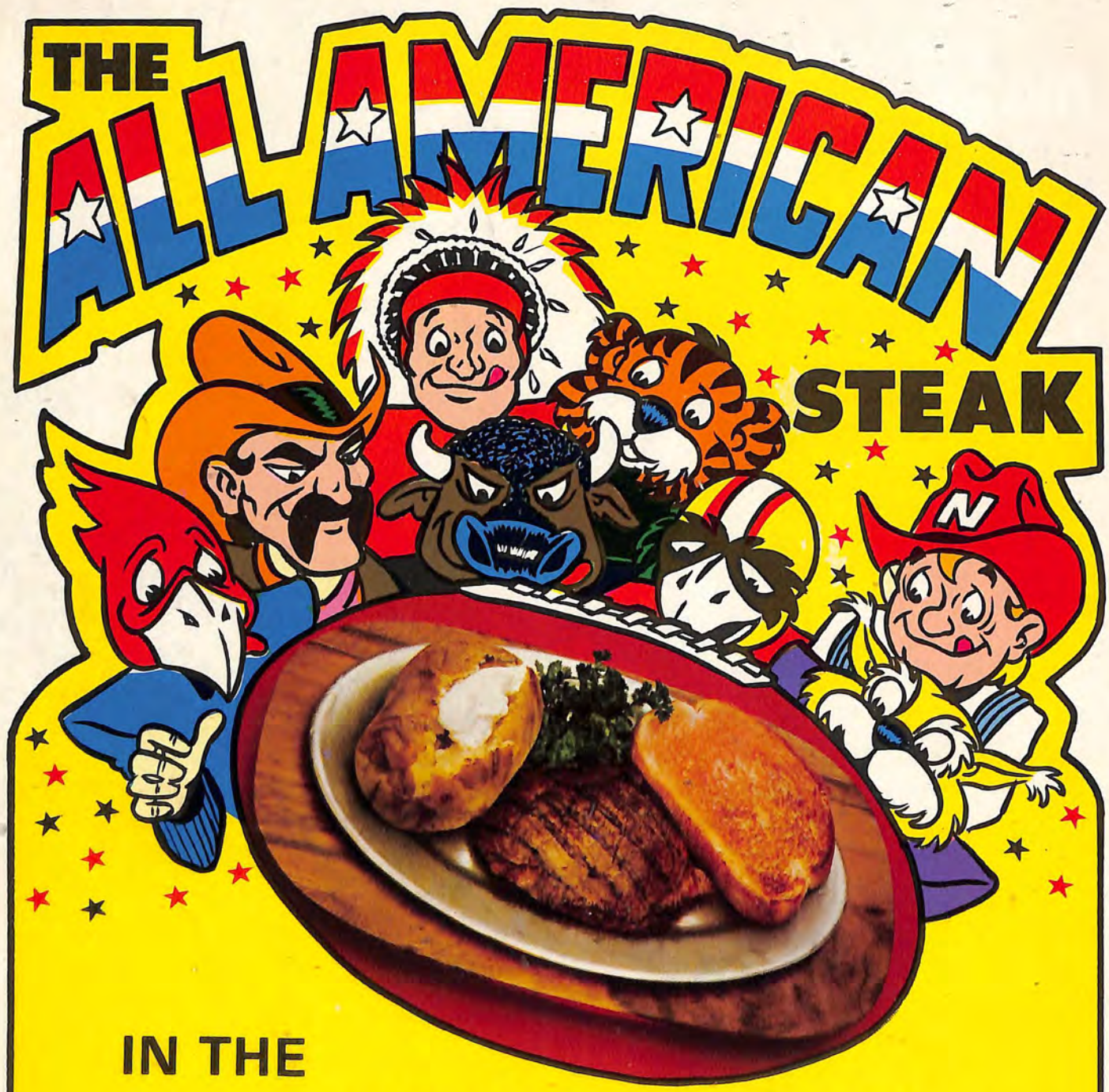

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What can the Big Eight do for an encore?

For the third time in five years the National Championship of college football resides in the Big Eight Conference. Oklahoma's unbeaten Sooners finished atop the Associated Press' Poll, which also saw five Big Eight teams listed in the Top 20 at one time or another during 1974. Nebraska and Oklahoma State emerged victoriously from post-season bowl competition and twelve athletes were acclaimed all-Americans on the various all-star teams. For the second consecutive year the Big Eight had the most players selected in the professional draft (45) which is significant when you consider that the Big Ten and Southeastern Conferences have ten and eleven schools respectively from which to draw. To cap off this impressive performance, "The Football News" again ranked the Big 8 as the number one collegiate football conference in America for the seventh consecutive year.

Further emphasizing the prestige of the Big Eight is the fact that the conference has achieved this stature against the toughest schedule of opponents in the country. According to a power rating compiled by "The Football News," Colorado played the toughest college schedule in America in 1974, followed closely by Missouri, Iowa and Kansas. That's three out of the top four! Oklahoma State finished ninth, Kansas State thirteenth, Oklahoma fifteenth and Nebraska thirtieth. Clearly the Big 8 has continued to dominate collegiate football even against the nation's elite.

But lest we rest on our laurels, what's in store for '75? Well, Missouri opens the college season on national television against the Crimson Tide of Alabama. The Tigers will be a five to seven point underdog but are capable of an upset. A victory here would send the Big 8 champion to the Orange Bowl against Notre Dame and, yup, Dan Devine. Quite a reunion for Onofrio, if the Tigers can sustain this momentum.

Nebraska opens against LSU, another Southeastern power. Look for the Cornhuskers to begin their march for the championship with a victory over the Bengals and, if the Tigers triumph, the Big 8 will send four teams bowling with a dream Sugar Bowl spotlight on the second place finishers from the Big Ten and Big Eight. A long shot? Perhaps. But who would have foreseen the Missouri/Notre Dame outcome in '73 or the one-two-three national finish by Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado in 1971? With a bit o' luck and the right combination of conquests in such games as Iowa State/UCLA, Oklahoma State/Arkansas, Missouri/Michigan and Oklahoma/Texas, a replay of that impossible '71 finale could become a brutal reality for the rest of the football world. But it must all start with the Tigers in Birmingham on Howard Cosell's Monday night extravaganza . . . September 8th.

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A WILD RACE FOR SECOND

Complacency may be only thing that can stop Oklahoma from winning fourth straight crown. Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado are armed to contend for bowls. Cowboys and Cyclones are also ambitious. Kansas and K-State rebuild with new coaches.

Unless...

By **BILL CONNORS** *Sports Editor, Tulsa World*

OKLAHOMA'S POSITION of pre-eminence parallels that of Nebraska in 1972 so closely it fascinates those who yearn for a competitive race, or a new champion. In winning 20 consecutive games and going unbeaten in 29, Oklahoma followed precisely the pattern that led Nebraska to an unexpected dethroning in '72.

The Sooners began their streaks on the same dates, and in one case against the same opponent, as Nebraska. Every milestone was three years apart. Consider the chronological similarities:

—Nebraska (1) lost its conference opener in 1969 to Missouri; (2) won its next eight games; (3) tied Southern California in the second game of 1970; and (4) then went all-victorious for two seasons and won two national championships. With the Heisman (Johnny Rodgers) and Outland (Rich Glover) Trophy winners, Nebraska was favored in 1972 to retain its Big Eight and national crowns.

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TERRY LUCK (11) led the Cornhuskers on a dramatic fourth-quarter rally over Florida.

1 OKLAHOMA—Saltiest, fastest, deepest, smoothest wishbone yet.
2 NEBRASKA—New Q-back and different look but the same status.
3 MISSOURI—Backfield punch and the league's last grass field.
4 COLORADO—The dark horse if juco transfers tighten defense.
5. OKLAHOMA STATE—Depending on revised offense to hold new ground.
6 IOWA STATE—Some showcase assets to display in its new stadium.
7 KANSAS—Thin and searching but with the weapons to surprise.
8 KANSAS STATE—Lots of question marks but also a few jewels.

The thought of the similarity continuing is what fascinates Oklahoma's adversaries. Nebraska's 1972 national championship dreams went down in flames on opening night against UCLA, and the Cornhuskers wound up getting tied by Iowa State and then losing the big game and the championship to Oklahoma.

No one is predicting this will happen to Oklahoma. The Sooners have demonstrated a capacity to live with success and pressure, and they have a sleek, superior look. Their wishbone backfield is faster and deeper. Their defense may be less formidable because of inexperienced linebackers; but with the Selmon brothers it probably is still the best defense in the Big Eight.

Yet, some wonder if the intoxicating glow of success might temper the Sooners' crusading zeal. If not, Oklahoma should celebrate its release from probation by winning a fourth straight Big Eight championship and be the conference's first representative in a new contractual tie-up with the Orange Bowl.

It appears the conference will be stronger than last year through six teams and a wild battle for second place is anticipated between Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado.

Nebraska will be more methodical and have a new quarterback, but surprisingly thinks it might be improved because of better running, a typically abrasive defensive and sound kicking. Missouri, which defeated Nebraska and tied for second last year, expects to be improved because of its best offense since 1969. Colorado returns 10 starters from the Big Eight's No. 3 offense and recruited a platoon of junior college transfers to galvanize the No. 8 defense.

Oklahoma State expects its offense to improve by using multiple formations and returns the best pair of defense tackles and kickers in the conference. Earl Bruce thinks Iowa State will move into its new stadium with "a darned good team."

The only sobering outlooks are at Kansas and Kansas State, which have new coaches and lots of question marks. But if Kansas finds a quarterback, it is capable of surprising, and K-State is not without a few jewels. Both began to rebuild by junking the veer.

There was no spring evidence of complacency at Oklahoma. Rather, there was an insatiable clamor to repeat, reward and build for more success. The atmosphere smacked of opulence. At a time when a budget-minded governor persuaded the presidents of OU and O-State to decline pay raises, football business at Norman proceeded as though the recession never happened. The stadium was expanded by 8,400 seats at a cost of $6.1 million. A donors program was launched and doubled its goal of $250,000. A $25-a-head dinner to buy national championship rings for the '74 lettermen was a 2,000 sellout. Ticket prices were raised to a nation-leading $8.75 per game, but the six home games quickly approached 70,000 plus sellouts. A lottery was considered to disperse $10 tickets for the Texas game.

On the eve of receiving the Associated Press' national championship trophy, Barry Switzer cancelled an interview with Lamar Hunt to discuss the possibility of coaching the Kansas City Chiefs (OU may have more No. 1 draft choices than the Chiefs was one explanation) and moved into a new and bigger house. Larry Lacewell, ranking member of Switzer's 13-man staff, was rewarded

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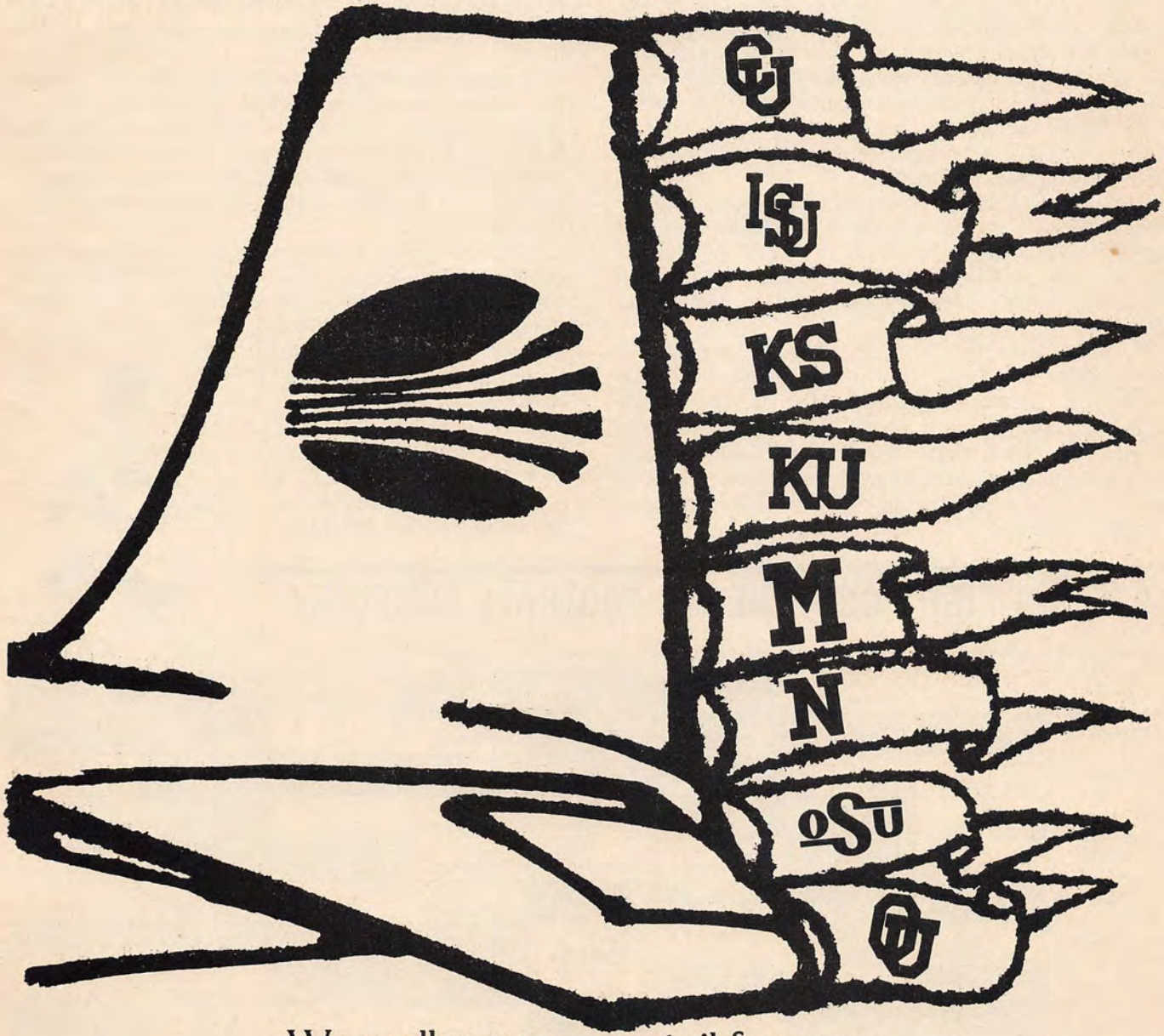

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handsomely for declining an offer from Kansas State and made plans to purchase a bigger home.

Amid all this high living, Oklahoma's players assured they were resolved to remain No. 1.

They may need more resolve than they realize to avert Nebraska's 1972 experience, Monte Johnson warns. Johnson, now with the Oakland Raiders, was a defensive tackle who ended his Nebraska career on the '72 team.

Pressure and overconfidence dulled the Cornhuskers' edge without their realizing it, and brought them down, Johnson recalled. "None of us thought we were complacent, just the opposite," he said. "We had a great desire to win a third straight national championship. But, later, I realized we went into the UCLA game a little complacent. We made stupid defensive mistakes that we would not have made if we had been mentally ready to play.

"After that I think we became too dependent on Johnny Rodgers. Iowa State was UCLA all over. It should never have happened. We also should have beaten Oklahoma. We were too late realizing we weren't the same. Without knowing it, we lost that extra edge you must have when every team you play is sky high. I expect Oklahoma's players think it won't happen to them. We didn't think it could happen to us, but it did."

If Oklahoma does not fall into the complacency trap, the Sooners should be the first team to go unbeaten for four successive years in the Big Eight since Bud Wilkinson's dynasty ended in 1959. Nebraska won four back-to-back championships in 1963-66, but its '64 and '66 teams lost to Oklahoma.

If history does not favor the Sooners, timing and circumstance do. Item: They worry about their new linebackers but every team except O-State and Kansas State will also break in new linebackers. Item: The Sooners may be softer against passing but should be fierce against running, and no team in the conference is geared to pass much, because of coaching changes and the makeup of their quarterbacks.

There is also one striking difference between Oklahoma 1975 and Nebraska 1972: The Cornhuskers had a sophomore quarterback, David Humm; Oklahoma has a 21-0-1 senior, Steve Davis.

Oklahoma's unmistakable superiority in talent has been enhanced by legislation the Sooners opposed—the freshman rule of '72 and the 30-limit rule of '74. OU was the first Big Eight team to capitalize on freshmen. Tinker Owens and Joe Washington, in particular, plus LeRoy and Dewey Selmon were factors in the '72 championship. Now, they are showcase figures in the league's best senior class. Also, OU has out-recruited and out-redshirted every team since then. Consequently, at a time when most lament their lack of depth, Oklahoma is deeper than its last three championship teams.

Switzer insists the pressure of the winning streak does not concern him. "I don't lay awake nights worrying about it," he said. "It's going to happen and when it does I won't be crying or losing any sleep. I just hope it's to a good team."

How many good teams the Big Eight has is debatable, but it has no inexperienced teams. Colorado has the most returning starters—16; Missouri has the fewest—eight, but is rich at the skilled positions and returns 20 second teamers. Iowa State and Kansas State return 13 starters, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Kansas have 12 and Nebraska has 10.

In all probability, most teams are better equipped to play competitively against Oklahoma than a year ago, when the race was not a full-blown runaway. Sixth-place Iowa State lost to the Sooners by only 10-28, and last-place Kansas, Nebraska and OSU extended the Sooners for three quarters.

The caliber of offensive talent throughout the Big Eight

1975 BIG EIGHT CONFERENCE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

PLAYING DATES	IOWA STATE	KANSAS STATE	OKLAHOMA ST.	COLORADO	KANSAS	MISSOURI	NEBRASKA	OKLAHOMA
September 13	at ucla (N)	at tulsa (N)	wichita st.	california	washington st.	● alabama at birmingham (N)	louisiana st.	oregon
September 20	air force	wichita st.	arkansas	wyoming	at kentucky	at illinois	indiana	pittsburgh
September 27	at florida st. (N)	at wake forest (N)	no. texas st.	wichita st.	oregon state	wisconsin	texas christian	at 9/26/75 miami (fla.) (N)
October 4	at utah (N)	texas a&m	texas tech	at OKLAHOMA	at wisconsin	at michigan	miami (fla.)	COLORADO
October 11	at KANSAS STATE	IOWA STATE	at MISSOURI	at 10/10/75 miami (fla.) (N)	at NEBRASKA	OKLA. STATE	KANSAS	texas at dallas
October 18	KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	NEBRASKA	MISSOURI	at IOWA STATE	at COLORADO	at OKLA. STATE	at KANSAS STATE
October 25	at OKLAHOMA	at MISSOURI	at KANSAS	at NEBRASKA	OKLA. STATE	KANSAS STATE	COLORADO	IOWA STATE
November 1	COLORADO	at KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	at IOWA STATE	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA	at MISSOURI	at OKLA. STATE
November 8	MISSOURI	NEBRASKA	at COLORADO	OKLA. STATE	at OKLAHOMA	at IOWA STATE	at KANSAS STATE	KANSAS
November 15	at NEBRASKA	at OKLA. STATE	KANSAS STATE	at KANSAS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA	IOWA STATE	at MISSOURI
November 22	OKLA. STATE	at COLORADO	at IOWA STATE	KANSAS STATE	MISSOURI	at KANSAS	at OKLAHOMA	NEBRASKA

● MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

combined with wide-spread defensive rebuilding, made it an uneasy summer for defensive coordinators. There is an abundance of deluxe runners and receivers; 250-pound lines are common; experienced kickers are plentiful, and every team except Nebraska returns its starting quarterback. (However, Scott McMichael of Kansas lost his job in spring practice and Colorado's David Williams received a threatening challenge.)

Every team has at least one back of proven quality. Besides Oklahoma's Washington and Davis, the all-star possibilities include: tailback Tony Galbreath and quarterback Steve Pisarkiewicz of Missouri; fullback Tony Davis and tailback Monte Anthony of Nebraska; fullback Terry Kunz and tailback Billy Waddy (if he can hold off juco challenger Tony Reed) of Colorado; halfback Terry Miller of Oklahoma State; halfback Laverne Smith of Kansas; tailback Mike Williams of Iowa State, and slotback Mike Harris of Kansas State.

This is the kind of window dressing that may put the Big Eight back into the multiple bowl business—if the anticipated scramble for second does not leave eliminating scars. Such a development would be welcomed more for economics than prestige. Oklahoma's probation, combined with inflation and fewer bowl teams, ruptured budgets throughout the conference.

After a high of five bowl teams three years ago, the Big Eight had but two last year, when Nebraska and O-State won the Sugar and Fiesta Bowls, respectively. Missouri, with a hot finish and 7-4 record, was a victim of early selecting and its own pinnacle-to-shambles inconsistency in the first half of the season. The Tigers, along with OU and Nebraska, should be attractive this year. So might Colorado.

Oklahoma State was given a penalty without sanctions by the Big Eight for recruiting infractions, and has not heard from the NCAA. As far as the conference is concerned the Cowboys are eligible to go bowling again. The Fiesta, where they shaded Brigham Young, was their first bowl since 1958. They might be equipped to have bowl appeal. Iowa State thinks it might, too.

Only Kansas and Kansas State are at this point discounted in bowl talk. New coach Bud Moore, from Bear Bryant's school of coaching at Alabama, has quarterback and depth problems at Kansas, the league's most disappointing team last year. Kansas State hired alumnus Ellis Rainsberger from Wisconsin. He inherited a team that was eighth in offense and seventh in defense.

Rainsberger is not counting on freshmen to expedite his building plans. Missouri and Colorado are not counting much on freshmen, either. Every other team has varsity reservations for its freshmen. Oklahoma harvested a glittering class and at least four freshmen will be considered for backup duty. Switzer will open the doors to tight ends and anyone who can make deep snaps. Those are the only pressing problems on a team that otherwise is willing to take its No. 1 chances with what it has.

What Oklahoma has, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne says, is "six or seven great players, and no other team has that kind of personnel. Of course, if they lost Davis or Washington, I would think they might be in trouble."

Missouri's Al Onofrio, who in his fifth year as head coach finds himself dean of a fast-changing conference, expressed the consensus of his contemporaries. "I believe we are going to have a stronger conference than last year," Onofrio said, "but Oklahoma is still up there by itself and I don't know if anyone else can challenge them."

Bill Mallory of Colorado said, "there won't be a better team in the country than Oklahoma, and after that I think it will be a scramble between several pretty good teams."

If some team is to emerge from this scramble and do to Oklahoma what OU did to Nebraska three years ago, it most likely will be the Cornhuskers, most coaches believe. Switzer takes it for granted Nebraska will be a bonafide challenger.

"I think we ought to be real good again," Switzer said, "but I can never see anyone running away from Nebraska."

Switzer acknowledges Oklahoma has "more pluses than anyone." The foremost plus is Washington. "He might run through a keyhole," says Texas coach Darrell Royal. As a punt returner, Washington provides a gamebreaking dimension that will carry the Sooners on an off day, O-

THE CYCLONES' Luther Blue finished 2nd nationally in kickoff returns with a 32-yard average.

State coach Jim Stanley pointed out. Stanley speaks from first hand experience.

OSU gave the Sooners an awful scare in the '74 finale before Washington's spectacular 57-yard touchdown return of a punt shook the Cowboys into a fourth quarter collapse. "You can have them down and Washington can win the game with one of those Houdini runs," Stanley said. "As long as he is healthy, it will be awful tough for anyone to beat them."

However, should Washington be injured, the Sooners' survival chances would be better than in either of the two previous years. Sophomore halfback Elvis Peacock has superstar potential, Jim Littrell is a dependable fullback and they will be propped by blazing understudies. If there is an indispensable Sooner, it is probably Davis. But he, too, has talented, experienced backups—three of them.

Except at tight end, Oklahoma's offensive line is comparable to last year and has premier operatives in guard Terry Webb and 6-6, 290-pound tackle Mike Vaughan. Owens and Billy Brooks, who may be tried at tight end, are exquisite split ends. The defensive line has all-conference end Jimbo Elrod and the Selmons, whom Mallory calls "the two best linemen in the country." Tony DiRienzo is an extraordinary place kicker. Punting may be average. The linebackers are slower, but tough. The secondary is smaller, but fast.

STEVE PISARKIEWICZ will lead the best Missouri attack in five years.

For Nebraska to contest Oklahoma, the Cornhuskers must decide on a new quarterback. Terry Luck, who came off the bench to fuse a winning rally against Florida in the Sugar Bowl, is tentatively No. 1 ahead of Randy Garcia and Vince Ferragamo. There is no big-playmaker at wingback, but more and better runners "than we've had in some time," Osborne thinks. A representative line has been rebuilt around All-America center Rik Bonness.

All-conference Bob Martin and Ray Phillips ("He has as many tools as any end we've ever had") might be the best pair of ends in the Big Eight. They are surrounded by an all-veteran, burly line, smaller but faster linebackers and a classy secondary that features Wonder Monds. Place-kicker Mike Coyle, Sugar Bowl hero, and punter Randy Lessman are proven.

Nebraska will shift gears and run more and pass less now that David Humm is gone. Many think the Corhuskers had become too dependent on Humm's passing and will benefit from the change. Of the four biggest games Nebraska won during Humm's three years, he was a factor in only the flogging of Notre Dame in the '73 Orange Bowl. He sat out the '73 revenge against UCLA because of injury; the comebacks against Texas in the '74 Cotton Bowl and Florida were made after he was benched.

"We don't have the ability to win on a bad day like our 1970 and '71 teams did," Osborne said, "but I certainly think we can be a good team. Our defense and kicking give us a chance. If our quarterback comes through we might even be better than last year."

Onofrio and Stanley fingered Colorado as the dark horse. Colorado's offense is bigger and more experienced than Oklahoma's, and just as deep. But the Buffs' hopes are tied to an overhauled defense. Their enigmatic history apparently caused coaches to rank them behind Missouri. As one coach noted, "they play like Tarzan one week and like Jane the next."

The Buffs' offensive line is the nation's biggest, averaging 6-5 and 255. It has all-conference types in tackle Mark Koncar, 6-7 tight end Don Hasselbeck and center Pete Brock. Dave Logan, moved from wingback, might be the best of the league's super split ends if his operated knee is sound.

Mallory thinks Kunz is the Big Eight's best fullback. The competition at quarterback between juco Jeff Austin (who reminds Buff followers of Jerry Tagge, Nebraska's national championship pilot) and Williams, and at tailback between Waddy and the stronger and equally fast Reed gives those positions an enviable look.

Colorado took more liberties with Oklahoma State's defense in a 37-20 upset than any Cowboy opponent in three years and prompted Stanley to say, "they were the best team we played and they are capable of defeating anyone."

Tackle Charlie Johnson (280) leads the juco infusion that Mallory thinks must improve "our defense by 15 per cent for us to be the kind of team we want to be." Linebacker Bill Muxlow and safety Mike Davis are other JC transfers who figure to bolster a unit whose holdover

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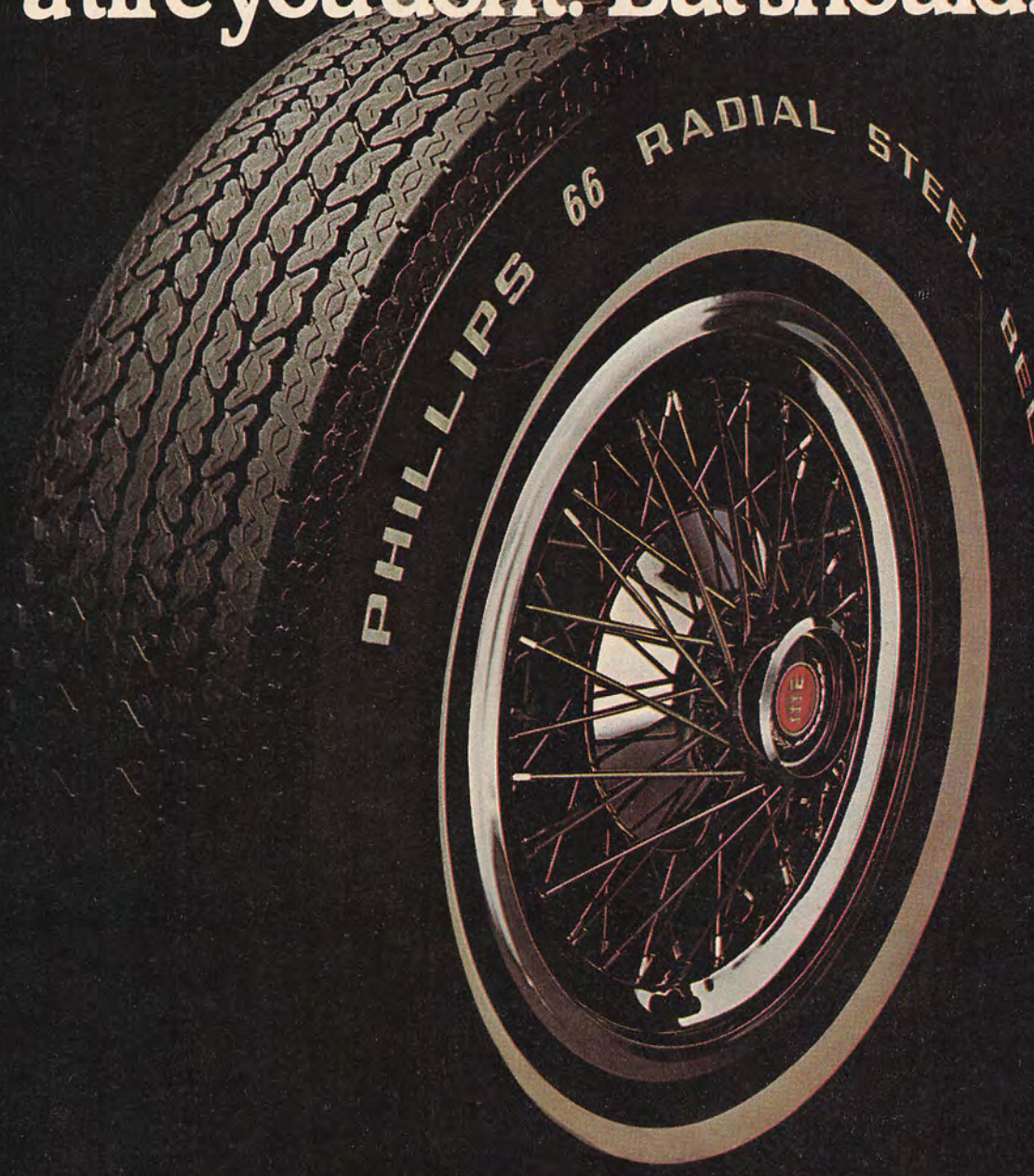

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assets are confined to end Troy Archer. Nose guard may still be a problem. Kicking is adequate. After what Mallory called a "tough off-season program," the hard-nosed, second year coach said, "we will be better, maybe a lot better."

Missouri has its most settled offensive look since it shared the championship with Nebraska six years ago. A rival assistant coach said, "for the last few years Missouri's offense looked like they were trying to run out the clock. But now they've got some backs."

He was referring to the 230-pound Galbreath, whom Onofrio thinks has All-America potential, and Pisarkiewicz, the Tigers' best passer since Paul Christman. After an erratic first half, Missouri steadied behind Galbreath and Pisarkiewicz, shed its pedestrian image and averaged 29 points in its last four victories. Slotback Joe Stewart is another reason Onofrio says, "we are better at the skilled positions than we've been in some time." They operate behind "the biggest offensive line we've ever had," he added.

Last year's defense, uncharacteristically tender, has been reshaped with quicker, though lighter, tackles and solid linebackers, and the secondary will convert to a conventional four deep. End Bob McRoberts and cornerback Ken Downing, a fine punt returner, are among the conference's best at their positions. The kickers are adequate.

"I've coached too long to predict how many we will win." Onofrio said, "but I think we can be a good team. We are lighter in the defensive line than most teams, but I think we can be competitive with the best teams in the conference."

Oklahoma State, coming off three straight winning seasons, literally limped into, and won, the Fiesta Bowl on defense and kicking, after an inordinate number of injuries made its wishbone impotent. The Cowboys return standout tackles Phillip Dokes and James White and linebacker Brent Robinson, but lost seven starters from a unit that held Joe Washington to seasonal rushing lows the last two years. Best of the newcomers is cornerback Willie Lester "I'll be surprised if he's not the best we've ever had there," Stanley said).

"We will have to depend more on our offense this year," Stanley theorized. The Cowboys have their eighth offensive coordinator in six years and added the slot-I formation, which is better for quarterback Charlie Weatherbie, and retained the wishbone, for which the faster Scott Burk is better suited. Weatherbie's improvement unexpectedly left Burk No. 2 at the end of spring practice.

OSU plans to pass more, but would feel better if split end Gerald Bain fulfilled his promise and a tight end emerged. Miller, Skip Taylor and Robert Turner are fast but small running backs. OSU coaches consider Gary Chlouber the best center in the Big Eight, and he is flanked by burly guards and tackles. Cliff Parsley led the conference in punting and Abby Daigle is a remarkable place kicker. "We are awful thin," Stanley said, "but if we can avoid many injuries, we can have another good team."

Bruce and his Iowa State staff probably did the best coaching job in the conference last year when a team with numerous problems wound up only five points from fourth place. But like OSU, Iowa State lost the heart of a fine defense and will tie its improvement hopes to a veteran offense. The Cyclones have three experienced quarterbacks in Buddy Hardeman, Wayne Stanley and Tom Mason. Bruce says he won't pick a starter until September. Whoever the starter is, he will direct a unit blessed with capable runners, a breakaway receiving threat in split end Luther Blue and a big, veteran line that is led by guard Bob Bos.

The Cyclones' defensive line has the Big Eight's other brother act. In time, tackle Mike Stensrud (6-5, 255) may rank with the Selmons and nose guard Maynard Stensrud was voted the outstanding defender in the spring game. If linebacker Greg Pittman, transfer from Tampa where Bruce recruited him originally, is as good as advertised, the Cyclones expect to be respectable on defense. They will unveil another prolific place kicker, Scott Kollman, but need a punter and help in the secondary.

Kansas never recovered from an 0-56 loss to Nebraska and dropped its last six games to make an ex-coach of popular Don Fambrough. Moore has "five or six fine athletes who are winners and a few others who can be

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winners," he said. But a combination of injuries, position shifts and demotions left only five of 12 returning starters at their 1974 slots when spring practice ended.

"We had so many people hurt (25), it was hard to evaluate," Moore said. One conclusion he reached was that the Jayhawks could not run the wishbone without a faster quarterback, so Nolan Cromwell (one of the most gifted of the "winners") was moved from free safety for a trial at his schoolboy position. He may start. Though thin, the Jayhawks have talented runners in Smith (runnerup to Washington with 1,181 yards rushing), Bill Campfield and Dennis Wright. But tackle Dave Scott was the only offensive lineman to please Moore. Moore also dipped into the conference's most experienced secondary and moved Eddie Lewis to split end.

Without Cromwell and Lewis, the secondary remains one of the Jayhawks' long suits, with all-conference strong safety Kurt Knoff and cornerback Steve Taylor. Nose guard Jim Emerson shed over 40 pounds, to 262, and impressed. But overall slowness, linebacking problems and inconsistent kicking make Moore think, "we have a lot of improving to do before we can win many games."

Kansas State suffered a seven-game losing streak which washed Vince Gibson aside and brought Rainsberger back to the scene of his playing career (1955-57). Rainsberger thinks Harris "will be one of the best athletes in the conference" and expects converted linebacker Theopilis Bryant will be among the nation's best nose guards. His linebacking corps may be the Big Eight's best, chiefly because of Gary Spani. He is also high on offensive guard Floyd Dorsey and "our receivers in general were the most pleasant thing about spring practice."

Joe Hatcher, up from the junior varsity, showed promise at quarterback after letterman Arthur Bailey was injured. But poor kicking, the failure of "any other backs to come forth and our lack of intensity on both offense and defense" led Rainsberger to say, "we saw very few things to encourage us. I think we have a long way to go."

At Wisconsin, Rainsberger competed last year against Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado. His inclination is to think Oklahoma "is like everyone says—out of sight—and those other three are fine teams and breaks will probably separate them."

If scheduling produces the break, Missouri may have an edge. The Tigers play the toughest non-conference schedule, with road games against Alabama and Michigan. But they play Oklahoma and Nebraska at Columbia, which has the conference's only grass field now that Iowa State has a new, 50,000-seat stadium with Astro-Turf. (OU's worst game last year came on a wet natural turf at Ames.)

Nebraska plays only one of the first division probables, Colorado, at Lincoln. Colorado has, in contrast to last year, a compatible non-conference schedule but plays at Norman and Lincoln. Iowa State won't see much of its new stadium until mid-season. Four of the Cyclones' first five games are on the road.

Oklahoma State plays its make-or-break games (Missouri and Colorado) on the road. But the Cowboys play seven times at home, including all their non-conference games plus Nebraska and Oklahoma. What this may mean is anyone's guess. Improbable things happened at Lewis Field last year, such as: the week after the first White House tapes shocked the nation and heated up impeachment talk, Richard Nixon had his last hurrah there; Missouri, which built a reputation for smothering prosaic running, was ravaged by fullback basics in a 31-7 victory that was one of the finest games OSU ever played; a month later Colorado, the Big Eight's poorest defensive team, held OSU to 24 yards in the first half of a landslide upset.

The team that does not need any schedule breaks apparently has them. Oklahoma opens and closes its conference schedule at home against Colorado and Nebraska, respectively. Nebraska's invasion on Nov. 22 falls one day short of three years since the Sooners surprised by spoiling Bob Devaney's farewell game at Lincoln. By the other timetable comparisons of Nebraska's 1970-72 reign and Oklahoma's current reign, this indicates the Sooners should prevail—by 24 hours.

If by then they have not deluded themselves into losing their compass, the only race probably will be for second.

But the remainder of the conference will hope, and Monte Johnson will verify, that when a third straight unbeaten record is the goal and passionate rivals are waiting every Saturday, things are not always what they seem.

Scott McMichael of Kansas scrambles against the Tigers.

1975 COLLEGE SCHEDULES

BIG TEN

ILLINOIS
at Iowa	S13
Missouri	S20
at Texas A&M	S27
Washington State	O 4
Minnesota	O11
Purdue	O18
at Michigan St.	O25
at Wisconsin	N 1
Ohio State	N 8
Michigan	N15
at Northwestern	N22

INDIANA
Minnesota	S13
at Nebraska	S20
Utah	S27
at N.C. State	O 4
at Northwestern	O11
Iowa	O18
at Michigan	O25
at Ohio State	N 1
Michigan State	N 8
at Wisconsin	N15
Purdue	N22

IOWA
Illinois	S13
at Syracuse	S20
Penn State	S27
Southern Cal	O 4
at Ohio State	O11
at Indiana	O18
Minnesota	O25
at Northwestern	N 1
Wisconsin	N 8
at Purdue	N15
Michigan State	N22

MICHIGAN
at Wisconsin	S13
Stanford	S20
Baylor	S27
Missouri	O 4
at Michigan St.	O11
Northwestern	O18
Indiana	O25
at Minnesota	N 1
Purdue	N 8
at Illinois	N15
Ohio State	N22

MICHIGAN STATE
Ohio State	S13
Miami	S20
N.C. State	S27
at Notre Dame	O 4
Michigan	O11
at Minnesota	O18
Illinois	O25
at Purdue	N 1
at Indiana	N 8
Northwestern	N15
at Iowa	N22

MINNESOTA
at Indiana	S13
Western Michigan	S20
Oregon	S27
Ohio University	O 4
at Champaign	O11
Michigan State	O18
at Iowa	O25
Michigan	N 1
Northwestern	N 8
at Ohio State	N15
Wisconsin	N22

NORTHWESTERN
Purdue	S13
Northern Illinois	S20
at Notre Dame	S27
at Arizona	O 4
Indiana	O11
at Michigan	O18
at Wisconsin	O25
Iowa	N 1
at Minnesota	N 8
at Michigan St.	N15
Illinois	N22

OHIO STATE
at Michigan St.	S13
Penn State	S20
North Carolina	S27
at UCLA	O 4
Iowa	O11
Wisconsin	O18
at Purdue	O25
Indiana	N 1
at Illinois	N 8
Minnesota	N15
at Michigan	N22

PURDUE
at Northwestern	S13
Notre Dame	S20
at USC	S27
Miami (Ohio)	O 4
Wisconsin	O11
at Illinois	O18
Ohio State	O25
Michigan State	N 1
at Michigan	N 8
Iowa	N15
at Indiana	N22

WISCONSIN
Michigan	S13
South Dakota	S20
at Missouri	S27
Kansas	O 4
at Purdue	O11
at Ohio State	O18
Northwestern	O25
Illinois	N 1
at Iowa	N 8
Indiana	N15
at Minnesota	N22

SOUTHWEST

ARKANSAS
USAF	S13
at Oklahoma St.	S20
Tulsa	S23
TCU	O 4
at Baylor	O11
Texas	O18
Utah State	O25
Texas A&M	N 1
at Rice	N 8
at SMU	N15
Texas Tech	N22

BAYLOR
Mississippi	S 6
Auburn	S20
at Michigan	S27
at S. Carolina	O 4
Arkansas	O11
at Texas A&M	O25
TCU	N 1
at Texas	N 8
at Texas Tech	N15
SMU	N22
at Rice	N29

RICE
Houston	S13
at Vanderbilt	S20
at LSU	S27
Mississippi St.	O11
SMU	O18
at Texas	O25
at Texas Tech	N 1
Arkansas	N 8
Texas A&M	N15
at TCU	N22
Baylor	N29

SMU
at Wake Forest	S 7
at Florida	S13
Houston	S27
West Virginia	O 4
TCU	O10
at Rice	O18
at Texas Tech	O25
Texas	N 1
at Texas A&M	N 8
Arkansas	N15
at Baylor	N22

TEXAS
Colorado State	S13
at Washington	S20
Texas Tech	S27
Utah	O 4
Oklahoma	O11
at Arkansas	O18
Rice	O25
at SMU	N 1
Baylor	N 8
TCU	N15
at Texas A&M	N27

TEXAS A&M
Mississippi	S13
at LSU	S20
Illinois	S27
at Kansas State	O 4
at Texas Tech	O18
at TCU	
Baylor	O25
at Arkansas	N 1
SMU	N 8
at Rice	N15
Texas	N27

TCU
Texas-Arlington	S13
Arizona State	S20
at Nebraska	S27
at Arkansas	O 4
at SMU	O11
Texas A&M	O18
Alabama	O15
at Baylor	N 1
Texas Tech	N 8
at Texas	N15
Rice	N22

TEXAS TECH
Florida State	S13
New Mexico	S20
at Texas	S27
at Oklahoma St.	O 4
Texas A&M	O11
at Arizona	O18
SMU	O25
Rice	N 1
at TCU	N 8
Baylor	N15
at Arkansas	N22

SOUTHEAST

ALABAMA
Missouri	S13
Clemson	S20
at Vanderbilt	S27
Mississippi	O 4
Washington	O11
at Tennessee	O18
at TCU	O25
at Miss. State	N 1
at LSU	N 8
Southern Miss.	N15
at Auburn	N29

AUBURN
Memphis State	S13
at Baylor	S20
at Tennessee	S27
VPI	O 4
at Kentucky	O11
at Georgia Tech.	O18
at Florida St.	O25
Florida	N 1
Miss. State	N 8
at Georgia	N15
Alabama	N29

FLORIDA
SMU	S13
at N.C. State	S20
at Miss. State	S27
at LSU	O 4
Vanderbilt	O11
Florida State	O18
Duke	O25
at Auburn	N 1
at Georgia	N 8
Kentucky	N15
at Miami	N29

GEORGIA
Pittsburgh	S13
Miss. State	S20
at South Carolina	S27
Clemson	O 4
at Ole Miss.	O11
at Vanderbilt	O18
Kentucky	O25
Richmond	N 1
at Florida	N 8
Auburn	N15
at Georgia Tech.	N29

KENTUCKY
VPI	S13
Kansas	S20
Maryland	S27
at Penn State	O 4
Auburn	O11
at LSU	O18
at Georgia	O25
Tulane	N 1
at Vanderbilt	N 8
at Florida	N15
Tennessee	N22

LOUISIANA STATE
at Nebraska	S13
Texas A&M	S20
Rice	S27
Florida	O 4
at Tennessee	O11
Kentucky	O18
South Carolina	O25
at Mississippi	N 8
Miss. State	N15
at Tulane	N22

MISSISSIPPI
at Baylor	S 6
at Texas A&M	S13
at Tulane	S20
Southern Miss.	S27
at Alabama	O 4
Georgia	O11
South Carolina	O18
Vanderbilt	O25
LSU	N 1
at Tennessee	O15
Miss. State	N22

MISSISSIPPI STATE
at Memphis State	S 6
at Georgia	S20
Florida	S27
Southern Miss.	O 4
at Rice	O11
North Texas St.	O18
Louisville	O25
Alabama	N 1
at Auburn	N 8
LSU	N15
Mississippi	N22

TENNESSEE
Maryland	S13
at UCLA	S19
Auburn	S27
LSU	O11
at Alabama	O18
North Texas	O25
Colorado State	N 1
Utah	N 8
Mississippi	N15
at Kentucky	N22
Vanderbilt	N29
at Hawaii	D 6

PACIFIC EIGHT

CALIFORNIA
at Colorado	S13
West Virginia	S20
at Washington St.	S27
San Jose State	O 4
at Oregon	O11
Oregon State	O18
at UCLA	O25
USC	N 1
Washington	N 8
at Air Force	N15
at Stanford	N22

OREGON
at Oklahoma	S13
San Jose State	S20
at Minnesota	S27
Washington	O 4
California	O11
at USC	O25
at Washington St.	N 1
UCLA	N 8
at Stanford	N15
Oregon State	N22

OREGON STATE
San Diego	S13
at USC	S20
at Kansas	S27
Grambling	O 4
Colorado	O11
at California	O18
at Washington	O25
Stanford	N 1
Washington State	N 8
at UCLA	N15
at Oregon	N22

SOUTHERN CAL
Duke	S12
at Oregon State	S20
Purdue	S27
at Iowa	O 4
Washington State	O11
Oregon	O18
at Notre Dame	O25
at California	N 1
Stanford	N 8
at Washington	N15
UCLA	N22

STANFORD
at Penn State	S13
at Michigan	S20
San Jose State	S27
Army	O 4
UCLA	O11
at Washington	O18
Washington State	O25
at Oregon State	N 1
at USC	N 8
Oregon	N15
California	N22

UCLA
Iowa State	S13
Tennessee	S19
at Air Force	S27
Ohio State	O 4
at Stanford	O11
at Washington St.	O18
California	O25
Washington	N 1
at Oregon	N 8
Oregon State	N15
at USC	N22

WASHINGTON
at Arizona	S13
Texas	S20
Navy	S27
at Oregon	O 4
at Alabama	O11
Stanford	O18
Oregon State	O25
at UCLA	N 1
at California	N 8
USC	N15
Washington State	N22

WASHINGTON ST.
at Kansas	S13
at Utah	S20
California	S27
at Illinois	O 4
at USC	O11
UCLA	O18
at Stanford	O25
Oregon	N 1
at Oregon State	N 8
Idaho	N15
at Washington	N22

VANDERBILT
UT-Chattanooga	S13
at Rice	S20
Alabama	S27
at Tulane	O 4
at Florida	O11
Georgia	O18
at Ole Miss	O25
Virginia	N 1
Kentucky	N 8
Army	N15
at Tennessee	N29

ATLANTIC COAST

CLEMSON
Tulane	S13
at Alabama	S20
at Georgia Tech	S27
at Georgia	O 4
Wake Forest	O11
at Duke	O18
N.C.State	O25
Florida State	N 1
at North Carolina	N 8
Maryland	N15
at South Carolina	N22

DUKE
at Southern Cal.	S12
South Carolina	S20
Virginia	S27
at Pittsburgh	O 4
at Army	O11
Clemson	O18
at Florida	O25
at Georgia Tech	N 1
at Wake Forest	N 8
N.C. State	N15
North Carolina	N22

MARYLAND
Villanova	S 6
at Tennessee	S13
at North Carolina	S20
at Kentucky	S27
Syracuse	O 4
N.C. State	O11
at Wake Forest	O18
Penn State	N 1
at Cincinnati	N 8
at Clemson	N15
Virginia	N22

NORTH CAROLINA
William & Mary	S13
Maryland	S20
at Ohio State	S27
at Virginia	O 4
Notre Dame	O11
at N.C. State	O18
East Carolina	O25
Wake Forest	N 1
Clemson	N 8
at Tulane	N15
at Duke	N22

N. CAROLINA STATE
East Carolina	S 6
Wake Forest	S13
Florida	S20
at Michigan State	S27
Indiana	O 4
at Maryland	O11
North Carolina	O18
at Clemson	O25
at South Carolina	N 1
at Penn State	N 8
at Duke	N15

VIRGINIA
Navy	S13
Virginia Military	S20
at Duke	S27
North Carolina	O 4
at South Carolina	O11
at Virginia Tech	O18
Wake Forest	O25
at Vanderbilt	N 1
East Carolina	N 8
Syracuse	N15
at Maryland	N22

WAKE FOREST
SMU	S 6
at N.C. State	S13
Appalachian State	S20
Kansas State	S27
at Clemson	O11
Maryland	O18
at Virginia	O25
at North Carolina	N 1
Duke	N 8
at South Carolina	N15
at VPI	N22

INDEPENDENT

AIR FORCE
at Iowa State	S20
UCLA	S27
at Navy	O 4
at BYU	O11
Notre Dame	O18
at Colorado St.	O25
Army	N 1
at Tulane	N 8
California	N15
Wyoming	N22

ARMY
Holy Cross	S13
Lehigh	S20
Villanova	S27
at Stanford	O 4
Duke	O11
Pittsburgh	O18
at Penn State	O25
at Air Force	N 1
Boston College	N 8
at Vanderbilt	N15
at Navy	N29

FLORIDA STATE
at Texas Tech	S13
Utah State	S20
Iowa State	S27
at Georgia Tech	O 4
at Va. Tech	O11
at Florida	O18
Auburn	O25
at Clemson	N 1
Memphis State	N 8
Miami	N15
at Houston	N22

GEORGIA TECH
at So. Carolina	S13
Miami	S20
Clemson	S27
Florida State	O 4
VMI	O11
Auburn	O18
at Tulane	O25
Duke	N 1
at Notre Dame	N 8
Navy	N15
Georgia	N29

NAVY
at Virginia	S13
Connecticut	S20
at Washington	S27
Air Force	O 4
Syracuse	O11
at Boston College	O18
at Pittsburgh	O25
at Notre Dame	N 1
at Miami	N 7
Georgia Tech	N15
Army	N29

NOTRE DAME
at Boston College	S13
at Purdue	S20
Northwestern	S27
Michigan State	O 4
at No. Carolina	O11
at Air Force	O18
USC	O25
Navy	N 1
Georgia Tech	N 8
at Pittsburgh	N15
at Miami	N21

PENN STATE
Stanford	S13
at Ohio State	S20
at Iowa	S27
Kentucky	O 4
West Virginia	O11
at Syracuse	O18
Army	O25
at Maryland	N 1
N.C. State	N 8
Temple	N15
at Pittsburgh	N22

PITTSBURGH
at Georgia	S13
at Oklahoma	S20
William & Mary	S27
Duke	O 4
at Temple	O11
at Army	O18
Navy	O25
at Syracuse	N 1
at West Virginia	N 8
Notre Dame	N15
Penn State	N22

TULANE
at Clemson	S13
Ole Miss	S20
Syracuse	S27
Vanderbilt	O 4
at Boston College	O11
at West Va.	O18
Georgia Tech.	O25
at Kentucky	N 1
Air Force	N 8
North Carolina	N15
LSU	N22

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Writers' Poll: A SOONER SWEEP!?

IT COMES AS NO GREAT SURPRISE to find the Sooners resting atop the Writers' fourth annual Big 8 Magazine poll. In the previous three editions, however, the writers have only successfully tapped the winner on one occasion. As Bill Connors observes, Nebraska was a heavy favorite in 1972 with a cast which included Johnny Rodgers and Rich Glover, yet tied Iowa State and lost to UCLA and Oklahoma. Something to think about!

Awarding points on a scale of 8 for first, 7 for second, etc., Oklahoma received every first place vote of the 20 writers, or 160 points. Nebraska was a clear choice to finish second with 135 points and Missouri garnered 109 points for third. The writers were almost evenly divided between Oklahoma State and Colorado. The Cowboys narrowly clung to fourth with 93 points to the Buffs' 89. In the second division Iowa State rated a sixth place finish with 59 points followed closely by Kansas with 47 and finally Kansas State. Every team except the Wildcats received at least one first division vote, again indicating a widespread disagreement among the scribes on the scramble race.

For the second consecutive year, Joe Washington of Oklahoma was selected as the preseason Offensive Player of the Year. Tony Galbreath, Steve Davis and Rik Bonness each received one vote. LeRoy Selmon was tabbed the Defensive Player of the Year but was pushed closely by brother Dewey. The Top Sophomore Player was almost a dead heat with Elvis Peacock of Oklahoma slipping ahead of Nebraska's Monte Anthony by a single vote. After strolling off with every "all" honor, it's not surprising that Oklahoma was also the unanimous choice for a second national championship.

TOM ASH, Omaha World-Herald: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Kansas; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Colorado; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas State. *"Like almost everybody else, I feel Oklahoma is the logical choice. As long as Steve Davis is spreading Sooner gospel, I believe."* Outstanding offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Outstanding defensive player: Wonder Monds, Nebraska. Top sophomore: Elvis Peacock, Oklahoma.

BILL BECK, St. Louis Post-Dispatch: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Missouri; 3. Nebraska; 4. Colorado; 5. Oklahoma State and then pick 'em. *"Now that the NCAA's chains have been cast aside, it would be a supreme irony if the classy Sooners would trip over any of those hurdles they topped with such style the last two seasons. But the Big Eight has some interesting fillips: A possible point-a-minute team at Missouri (the Tigers could give up that much, too); Colorado's offense returns virtually intact; Iowa State may have acquired key strengths from that dismembered Tampa University team."* Best offensive player: Tony Galbreath, Missouri. Best defensive player: Dewey Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Monte Anthony, Nebraska. National champion: Oklahoma.

WAYNE BISHOP, Tulsa World: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Oklahoma State; 4. Colorado; 5. Missouri; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. Best offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Best defensive player: Dewey Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Terry Miller.

DAN CREEDON, Boulder Camera: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Colorado; 4. Missouri; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. *"Steve Davis will never quarterback a losing game and, finally, will quarterback in a bowl game (1976 Orange)."* Outstanding offensive player: Steve Davis, Oklahoma. Outstanding defensive player: LeRoy Selmon, Oklahoma. Top Sophomore: Monte Anthony, Nebraska. National Champion: Oklahoma.

AL ESCHBACH, Oklahoma Journal: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Colorado; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Missouri; 6. Kansas; 7. Kansas State; 8. Iowa State. *"Not even UPI can ignore the Sooners this year."* Outstanding offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Outstanding defensive player: LeRoy and Dewey Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Elvis Peacock, Oklahoma. National champion: Oklahoma.

FRANK HARAWAY, Denver Post: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Missouri; 3. Nebraska; 4. Colorado; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. *"It's just as easy to pick Oklahoma first as it was in the heyday of Bud Wilkinson. Only it's not Oklahoma and the seven dwarves any more. It's seven fine football teams against one of college football's all-time best. Look for Colorado to be the league's most improved team."* Outstanding offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Outstanding defensive player: LeRoy Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Elvis Peacock, Oklahoma.

BOB HARTZELL, Tulsa Tribune: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Colorado; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. *"The Sooners' defense may not be as good as last season's, but the offense could be better, if that is possible. The thought keeps crossing my mind that surely Barry Switzer and Steve Davis will have to lose a game someday, but when? Probably not in 1975."* Outstanding offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Outstanding defensive player: LeRoy Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore:

Terry Miller, Oklahoma State. National Champion: Oklahoma, who else?

BOB HENTZEN, Topeka Capitol-Journal: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Colorado; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Tie—Iowa State, Kansas and Kansas State. *"It's tougher to pick the second division finish than it is the first. I'll believe until Barry Switzer loses a game."* Outstanding offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Outstanding defensive player: Kurt Knoff (back), Kansas, and LeRoy Selmon (lineman), Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Elvis Peacock, Oklahoma. National Champion: Oklahoma.

RON HOLT, Stillwater News-Press: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Colorado; 3. Nebraska; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Missouri; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. *"Oklahoma has to be the favorite, but there could be some trouble brewing for the Sooners around the league."*

BOB HURT, Daily Oklahoman: *"Make it Oklahoma, and then take a long pause to indicate a large gap, and proceed on down the line with Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma State, Colorado, Iowa State, Kansas and Kansas State. If there is to be a major variation from that order of finish, Colorado is the most likely suspect. The Buffs could make a big jump."* Outstanding offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Outstanding defensive player: LeRoy Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Terry Miller, Oklahoma State.

DAN LAUCK, Wichita Eagle-Beacon: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Colorado; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Kansas State; 7. Iowa State; 8. Kansas. *"A favorite by any other name can't be the favorite. It has to be Oklahoma."* Outstanding offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Outstanding defensive player: LeRoy Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Gary Spani, Kansas State. National champion: Oklahoma.

RON MALY, Des Moines Register: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Iowa State; 4. Missouri; 5. Oklahoma State; 6. Colorado; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. *"The Sooners have proven they can win the big ones and the little ones regardless of their bowl status. Why should things change this year?"* Outstanding offensive player: Joe Washington, Oklahoma. Outstanding defensive player: LeRoy Selmon, Oklahoma. Top sophomore: Monte Anthony, Nebraska. National champion: Oklahoma.

VOLNEY MEECE, Oklahoma City Times: 1. Oklahoma; 2. Nebraska; 3. Missouri; 4. Oklahoma State; 5. Colorado; 6. Iowa State; 7. Kansas; 8. Kansas State. *"Under Barry Switzer, Oklahoma's game plan seems to be to lose players but not games. The plan should work for the third straight season."*

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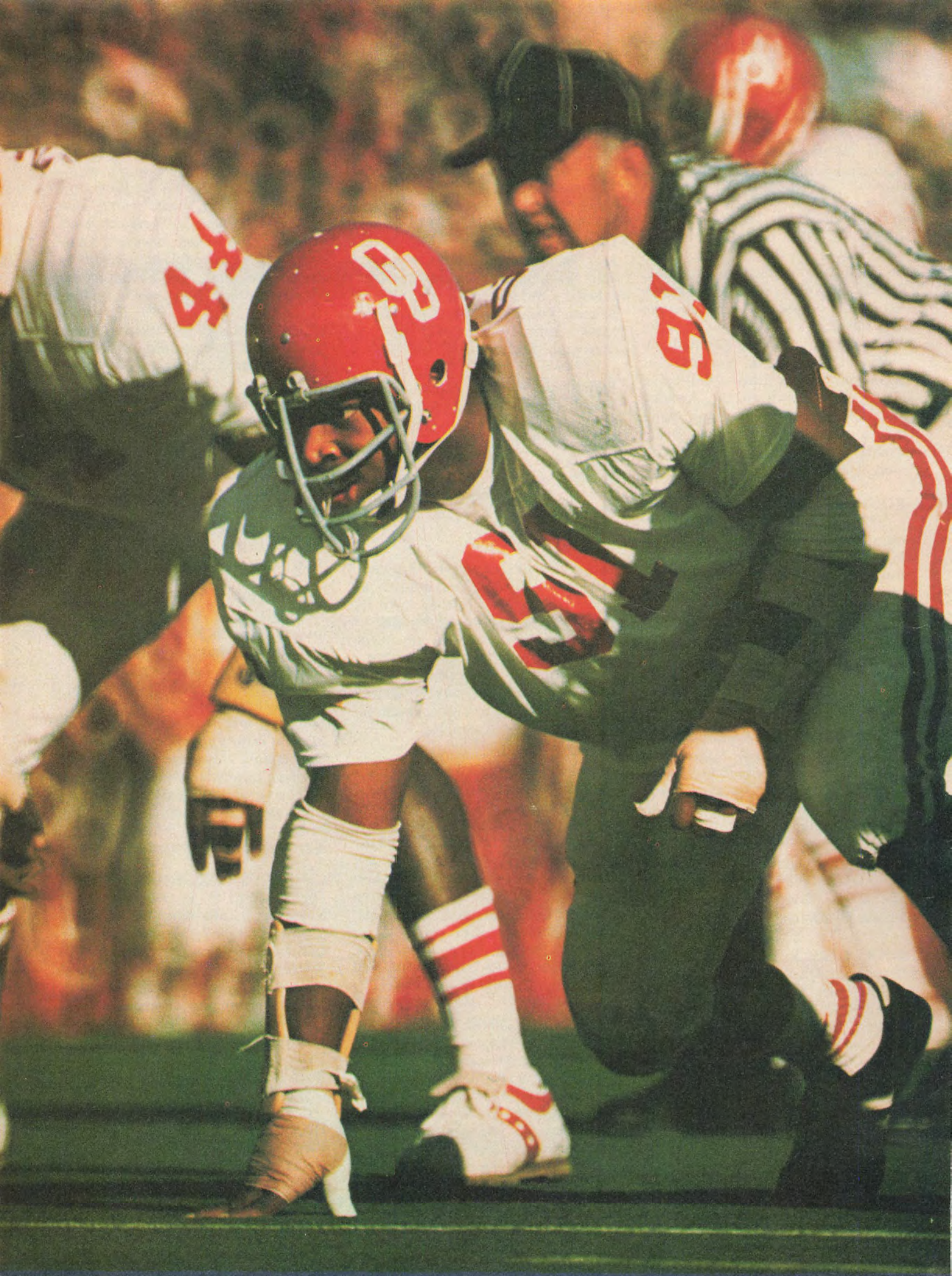


OKLAHOMA: ALTERED SCRIPT BUT SAME AWARD-WINNING SHOW

The defense will be less rigid but with Joe Washington leading a faster backfield and the Selmons offsetting the linebacking leaks, Sooners are equipped to go unbeaten again.

By BILL CONNORS *Tulsa World*

IN THE FOUR YEARS preceding Rod Shoate's arrival, Oklahoma lost 13 games and won no championships. During that time the Sooners had all the offense the law allowed but their defense was vulnerable. Enter Shoate, and in three years of his immaculate linebacking the Sooners were 32-1-1 and won three Big Eight Conference championships and the 1974 national championship.

Shoate started every game except one. OU coaches wanted to hold him out of last year's Kansas game to allow a bruised shoulder to heal for the following week's showdown with Nebraska. But on Kansas' third play quarterback Scott McMichael stunned the Sooners with a 73-yard touchdown run. Oklahoma's defensive high command responded predictably by "getting Shoate's tail in there" and there were no more breakdowns. But, linebacker coach Warren Harper mused, "it made me wonder if that was a preview of the way things would be without him."

There is a feeling among Oklahoma coaches that 1975 opponents will be able to take more liberties with a Shoate-less defense. It will have less speed at four positions and fewer superstars than Oklahoma's defensive units of the last three years.

However, this is the worst that can be said about the defending national champions who open the final year of Little Joe and the Selmons with a 20-game winning streak, unbeaten in 29 games, off probation and eligible to carry the Big Eight championship banner into the Orange Bowl.

There may be fewer shutouts and runaways, but there may be no change in Oklahoma's record or elite status. The truth is, the Sooners are only a tight end and one linebacker from being better than last year. Their offense has superior players at the skilled positions. They are deeper.

They have a Heisman Trophy contender (Joe Washington) to lead a dazzling backfield and an Outland Trophy contender (LeRoy Selmon) to anchor a defensive line that should be better than last year.

They also have a consummate Wishbone quarterback (Steve Davis); the Big Eight's best nose guard (Dewey Selmon); best offensive tackle (Mike Vaughan) and best offensive guard (Terry Webb); two extraordinary split ends (Tinker Owens and Billy Brooks); an all-conference defensive end (Jimbo Elrod); a prolific place-kicker (Tony DiRienzo); and a fast secondary.

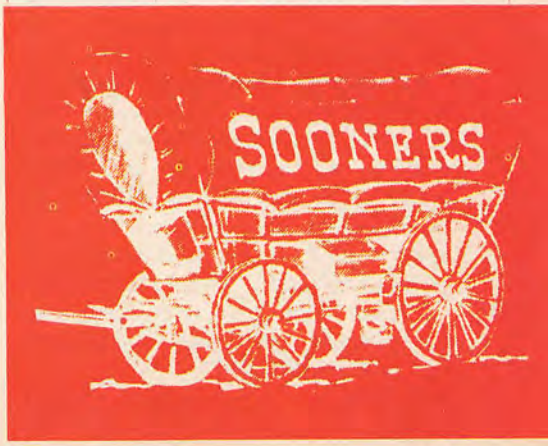
And, in a year when six Big Eight teams are breaking in new linebackers, Oklahoma's may compare favorably. They just don't measure up to Shoate, especially in speed.

Barry Switzer, unbeaten in two years as a head coach, says when "I think of all the great plays Shoate made because of his speed and realize our new linebackers can't run like that, I remember when 31 points wasn't always enough to win before we had Shoate. But then I think of the Selmons, and that at eight or nine positions on defense we should be even or a plus over last year. Also, I remember that Nebraska had great defensive teams in 1971 and '72 without having great linebackers. This makes me think we could be pretty good on defense."

If so, Oklahoma will probably make a formidable defense of its national championship. The offense appears better than "pretty good." Five of the top six scorers return from the unit that averaged 43 points and 438 yards rushing. The starting backfield will be faster than a year ago. The backfield starters of '75 had a composite average of over six yards per carry in '74. They will run behind another deluxe line. The three big, all-stars who were graduated from the interior line have been replaced by three big, experienced all-star types.

The exception is at tight end where after five years of excellence (Albert Chandler and Wayne Hoffman), OU is reconciled to a dropoff. Spring practice gave no hint of who will start there.

The remainder of the offense is wall-to-wall excellence. Washington (who needs only 744 yards to break Steve Owens' career rushing record) led the Big Eight in rushing (1,321), scoring (84 points) and average per carry (6.8), and is an incredible punt returner. Elvis Peacock, who as a freshman shared duty with Grant Burget and



DEWEY SELMON: the intimidator.

averaged 7.7 per carry, is spectacularly fast. He will be the starting right half, provided he holds off the challenges of two blazing newcomers.

Horace Ivory, junior college transfer who was redshirted last year after undergoing surgery, is as fast as Peacock. Freshman Billy Sims (190, with 4.5 or better speed and epic press clippings) may eventually be the Secretariat of Oklahoma's running back stable. Letterman Jimmy Rogers is another backup flyer.

Fullback Jim Littrell has journeyman ability but rushed for 837 yards in a splendid comethrough after Waymon Clark was dismissed for disciplinary reasons shortly before the '74 opener.

Davis moves into his senior year finally recognized as a star. Davis is a finesse quarterback with the advantage of having fullback strength and halfback speed. He was the conference runnerup in total offense last year. Even though his passing declined (no completions in the last two games) Davis, in 112 fewer attempts, had only one less touchdown pass (11) than Big Eight leader David Humm.

Davis may not pass with more frequency, but he hopes to improve his 41 per cent accuracy. Few passers anywhere have better targets than the sure-handed, acrobatic Owens, who probably plays his position as skillfully as his Heisman-winning brother Steve played tailback, and Brooks, a probable No. 1 draft choice. Brooks, restless as Owens' alternate, may wind up at tight end.

In addition to refining its passing, Oklahoma plans to drop its exclusive use of predetermined plays and have Davis do more reading of the defenses, and in turn execute more triple options. "We think this is the best way to defeat the five-man lines that everybody uses against the wishbone," Switzer explained.

Can the Sooners also defeat complacency? Seemingly, they are more susceptible to complacency than any rival. Switzer says he has seen no evidence of complacency and thinks his team should be inspired by new incentives, such as being the first OU team to go 12-0. A 12-0 record would give the Sooners a 55-2-1 record since 1971 and make it the winningest five-year period in OU history (Oklahoma was 50-2 in 1954-58).

A more attractive non-conference schedule, including Pittsburgh and Miami in addition to revenge-aching Texas, should preclude a No. 1 hangover.

Nevertheless, Davis recognizes the importance of "retaining the same cohesiveness we had before we won the national championship."

The quality of OU's depth may not ensure cohesiveness but it may be a safeguard against cockiness. At some positions the Sooners have a stockpile of talent. Quarterback is an example.

Sophomore Dean Blevins is the quickest quarterback OU has had and may be No. 2 on talent, but may be redshirted. Sophomore Joe McReynolds, a tough runner with passing limitations, is coming off a redshirt year and will challenge Kerry Jackson, gifted but luckless figure in the transcript scandal, for the No. 2 spot.

Calvin Harris, last year's backup fullback, was bypassed in the spring by walkon James Culbreath and freshman Mike Gaither may pass both of them. There is an unprecedented number of promising defensive backs, plus five linebackers and five ends who merit consideration to start and three sophomore tackles with fascinating futures.

There are problems, however. Three prospective defensive starters—tackle Anthony Bryant, a starter last year, end Duane Baccus and linebacker Obie Moore—had knee operations before, during and after spring practice, respectively. Free safety Zac Henderson or Littrell must develop into a consistent punter and someone must be found to make the long snaps.

"Our kicking game was terrible in the spring," Switzer said. "I would prefer to have a specialist do the punting, but we don't have one. I think Zac could be a good punter, but Littrell may wind up having to do it. We didn't have anyone in the spring who could make a deep snap."

Center Dennis Buchanan, twice-lettered senior who was redshirted in '74 so he could start this year, is considered a better blocker than predecessor Kyle Davis. But he cannot make the snaps for kicks. Ralph Kulbeth, huge sophomore who was moved from center to tackle, will probably be drafted to make the snaps.

Buchanan (225) is one of three qualified newcomers in the interior line. The others are Chez Evans, a 270-pound junior, and Jaime Melendez, a 250-pound sophomore who was redshirted last year after lettering as a freshman. Evans and Melendez possess great ability, perhaps more than their predecessors, All-America guard John Roush and all-conference tackle Jerry Arnold. Evans, heretofore a tackle, may play guard and Melendez, a disappointing spring at guard, may play tackle. His competition will be the 6-5, 275-pound Kulbeth.

In all probability the right side of OU's offensive line is unmatched on the college level. The 6-6, 290-pound Vaughan, fourth year junior, can get a tie with LeRoy Selmon playing one-on-one. Switzer says, "I bet Vaughan is the best offensive tackle in the country." For two years Webb, who gained from 190 to 245 without sacrificing his speed, was rated better than Roush by OU coaches.

From tackle to split end, the offensive line should be comparable to last year. But Switzer is dissatisfied with the depth and tight end is a problem. Craig Lund, unlettered junior who is 6-5 and 223, was No. 1 in the spring. It will be a guessing game in the fall. Keith Thomas, fleet juco transfer, had a knee operation. Howard Humphrey, second semester freshman, is a marvelous athlete at 6-7 and 230 but had two operations on the same knee. Incoming freshman Victor Hicks will get a look. Switzer's inclination is to move Brooks.

The difference between OU's being outstanding and very good depends on the new linebackers. They are inexperienced and have only so-so speed. But they are tough and defend becomingly against the power running attacks used by most of OU's opponents.

Bill Dalke, unsung 215-pounder who briefly attended Air Force Academy, and Moore, who lettered as a 1973 freshman, were the starters when spring practice ended. Russell (208) Williamson, also a redshirt sophomore, played ahead of Moore before being injured. Each has only 4.9 speed (Shoate was 4.6) but is comparable to last year's other starter, Gary Gibbs. Senior Jamie Thomas, who started two games last year, is the most experienced but also the slowest. Letterman Marty Brecht and freshman Greg Roberts, 6-3, 235-pounder who carries a can't-miss label, will also be considered.

"They can't pursue wide plays like we've done," Switzer said, "but I think they will play well against teams that run at us. They're all tough and hitters.

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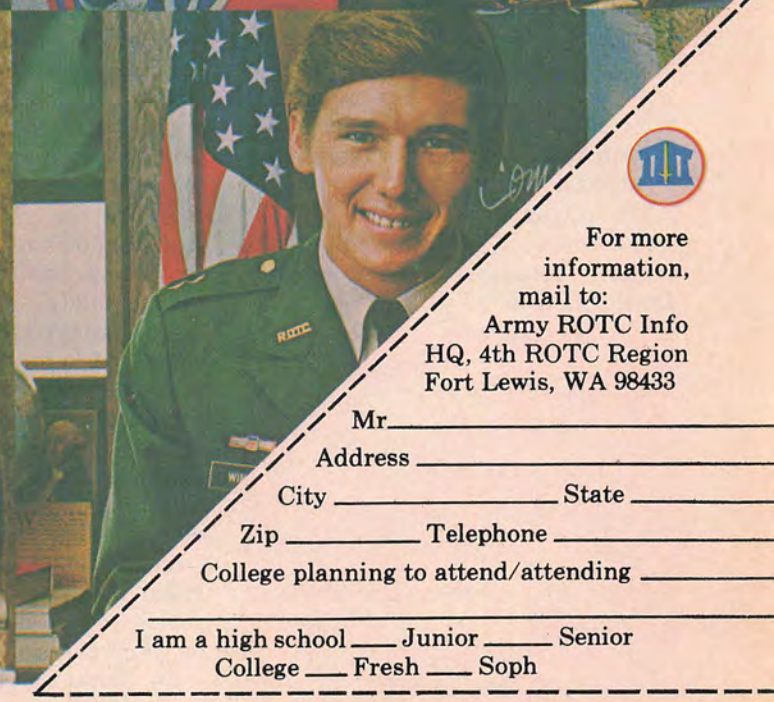

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TOM OSBORNE'S growing popularity in Nebraska is undeniable. He is holding his own with Bob Devaney these days on applause meters along the Cornhusker banquet trail.

In his first two years as Nebraska's football coach, Osborne often was accorded embarrassingly polite greetings at these gatherings while his predecessor, now the athletic director, was welcomed with adulation.

By TOM ASH *Omaha World-Herald*

Huskers found a winner in the waning moments. LUCK SWEETENED THE SUGAR BOWL

Number 11's ability to roll sevens on the score board may upset the odds in the eleventh hour of the big, championship eleventh game.

That's the problem with following legends.

But as Devaney's national championships of 1970 and 1971 fade deeper into history, perspective has started to settle into Nebraska. Osborne's initial 9-2-1 and 9-3 records, including Cotton and Sugar Bowl victories, are regarded as fairly salty when not subjected to comparison.

Osborne's .783 career winning percentage compares favorably with Devaney's .806.

But Osborne's coaching merit has been almost overshadowed by his Mr. Clean, Sunday School image, with its attendant turn-the-other-cheek implication, however unwarranted.

Thus, Osborne endeared himself to many followers with his "Kick the hell out of 'em" halftime admonition to his team before the winning Sugar Bowl rally against Florida. He affirmed he wants to win as badly as the fans.

Still, there is this nagging concern about Osborne: he hasn't beaten Oklahoma. His teams are 0-2. He will not shed the Devaney shadow entirely until he has beaten the Sooners.

So the question persists: Is this the year?

Looking for a clue, nearly 20,000 Cornhusker disciples turned out for the intersquad game ending spring practice. The Whites, made up of second and third stringers, frustrated the favored first and fourth teamers on the Reds, 20-6.

It was a lackluster offensive showing compared to the 41-40 thriller won by the Reds the year before.

Optimists will say the Husker defense has improved 55 points, as Husker defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin believes. Pessimists will say the offense is that much less efficient, as Osborne denies.

But the spring game, as all spring games, offered no conclusive evidence on which to base a forecast for this fall.

So Osborne canvasses the state, averaging three appearances a week, continually confronted by the same question: "How we gonna do, Coach?"

Osborne punches a mental button and the recording intones: "We'll be a solid football team. We've got to be considered a possible contender, but we've got such heavy replacements. Oklahoma certainly has to be considered the favorite to win the Big Eight. We could finish anywhere from 11-0 to 6-5, depending on how well people come along and the injury situation."

The most obvious uncertainties for Nebraska this fall lie in the newcomers at quarterback, wingback, four offensive line positions and linebacker.

Terry Luck, three knee operations and a second-half hero job in the Sugar Bowl behind him, emerged from a toss-up situation at the start of spring ball as the heir-apparent to three-year starter Dave Humm at quarterback.

The Fayetteville, N.C., senior, a right-hander for a change, came out of a heap that included highly-touted California transfer Vince Ferragamo; sophomore Randy Garcia, another Californian; Omaha sophomore Eddie Burns; and Texan Tommy Sorley, who guided the 1974 freshman team.

Luck, who has played little more than one full game in his injury-shortened career, moved to the forefront, Osborne said, "mostly because he's had more experience than anybody else."

Nebraska's most experienced quarterback, junior Earl Everett, didn't figure. He was moved to wingback in an experiment Osborne called "the most disappointing thing about spring practice."

Everett was injured through most of the 20 spring sessions although he did scrimmage at the end. "But he's normally :04.4 or :04.5 for the 40, and he was only running about five seconds," Osborne said.

Luck's arm is stronger, though not as accurate, as Husker record-setter Humm, Osborne said. "He's got excellent leadership qualities. He seems to have good confidence. But his weakness is his speed."

Ferragamo also is rated a strong passer, coming from pass-oriented California, but he has been hampered trying to absorb a complicated offensive system while spending last fall working with enemy offenses on the scout team.

Burns' strength also is his arm, but

***MONTE ANTHONY** (49) heads a list of star-spangled sophomores who will keep the Huskers in the championship race the next three years.*

Garcia is called "the best pure passer on the team." Garcia, however, had an inconsistent spring before finishing as the most impressive in the spring game by completing six of eight passes for 84 yards and a touchdown.

Osborne said Sorley "is as far along as any freshman we've ever had." But it appears he will be redshirted this season.

Although the top offensive unit was shut out until three minutes remained in the spring game, the final score was not truly reflective. The Reds held a total offense advantage of 383-258 yards, but they were hampered by three lost fumbles and two interceptions the first half.

Part of the reason for the fumbles, said I-back/fullback Monte Anthony, was the size of the holes punched by the offensive line. "They almost shocked us. We never broke open like that all spring."

There was ample evidence that Nebraska has more running talent than it has had in several seasons.

For exceptional starters, Tony Davis, the cannonball fullback whose combativeness produced more than 1,500 and a 4.5-yard rushing average in his first two years, is back.

So are 1974 regular I-backs John O'Leary (5.0 average) and Monte Anthony (5.4), now a sophomore. But junior Dave Gillespie, a Californian with the most speed of the power backs, had the most impressive spring and was the spring game's leading rusher with 10 carries for 82 yards. He also lost two fumbles, however.

In view of Nebraska's almost total reliance on the ground game under Luck in the second half against Florida and the abundance of running backs, are the Huskers likely to devalue the passing game that has been a prime weapon in recent years?

"It will depend a lot on how we think people will play us. We may run a lot or we may throw a lot. All our quarterbacks have been recruited because they can throw the football.

"But it's like the Miami Dolphins. They don't throw very much because they have such good runners. If your first down play gets five or six yards, you don't throw as much because you don't have to.

"But we understand the passing game as well as or better than most people. We've led the league or were second the last six or seven years, and our percentage has been the best.

"And our receivers are better, if Dave Shamblin (knee) gets healthy, than they have been for a while." As part-time 1974 starting split end Chuck Malito was out for track, Fairbury (Neb.) Junior College walkon Ron Nitzel earned first-team status with a strong spring showing. And skittery junior Bobby Thomas, a disappointment last year, "played the best since he's been here during the spring," Osborne said.

With the potential for a devastating ground game, the coaching staff paid particular attention to the inexperienced offensive line. Three coaches worked with that unit.

The only returning starter there is center Rik Bonness, all-Big Eight and a Playboy pre-season all-American.

"If there's one guy you could pick that you wanted back, it would be Bonness," Osborne said. "He's the best center we've had around here."

On either side of Bonness on the preseason depth chart are guards Nick Zanetich and Dan Schmidt and tackles Bob Lingenfelter and Steve Hoins, the latter a high school teammate of Bonness at Bellevue, Neb.

"We were generally pleased with what we came up with in the offensive line," Osborne said. "It's probably a little smaller and quicker than we've had in recent years. I feel our offensive line has a chance to be fairly close to what it was a year ago.

"They want to be good. They're aggressive, dedicated players."

The tight end situation "is reasonably good," Osborne said, with the return of regular Larry Mushinskie, backup Brad Jenkins and the presence of potential star Ken Spaeth.

The wingback picture that the Husker coaches wanted desperately to clear up in the spring remains foggy entering fall camp. Sophomore Curtis Craig, Iowa's most highly-sought player two years ago, ended up No. 1 almost by default, although there is strong evidence he may have wound up there anyway.

The role of the wingback as a runner

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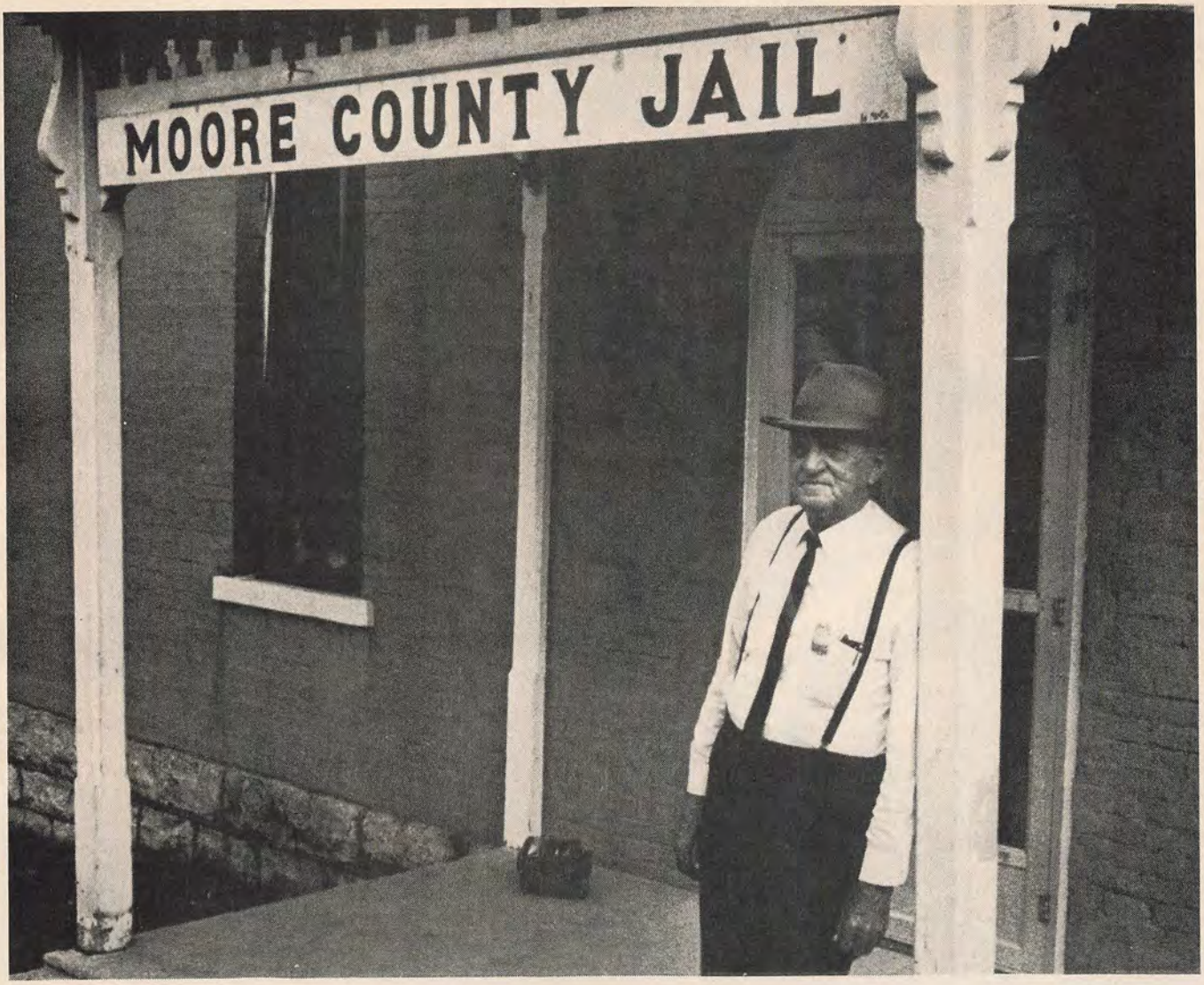
TERRY LUCK (11) and Monte Anthony (49) work their magic in routing the Jayhawks in Lawrence.



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By **BILL BECK** *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

DAME OPPORTUNITY may have never rapped so clamorously at a football team's door.

To begin with, there is a September 8 date with highly ranked Alabama on Howard Cosell's ABC Monday night football television spectacular. Less than a month later comes a date with Michigan, the Big 10 co-champion who many believe really deserved that Rose Bowl shot that went to Ohio State.

In between are games with representative foes Illinois and Wisconsin. Then comes the Big Eight with national champion Oklahoma.

The University of Missouri Tigers, recipients of this invitation to glory, are painfully aware of the other side of the coin, however. That's why spring practice last April at Columbia had the

smell of a Green Beret staging area for a suicide mission.

The Tigers seem to be improved over the team that posted a 7-4 record in 1974 yet even with considerable improvement, they could fail to bat .500 this time. But . . .

"I really have a gut feeling that I can be positive about all this," said Al Onofrio who, at age 52, is dean of the Big Eight coaches.

Onofrio's guarded optimism rides with his "special people."

"We have better special people than we've had here since 1969," he said. That was the year a quarterback named Terry McMillan broke most of the late Paul Christman's passing records, a burner named Mel Gray ran under his bombs and a back named Joe Moore regularly churned out 100 yards a game or more.

Those, in Onofrio's mind, were "special people" and the ones he has groomed for 1975 may show even more balance.

Steve (Zark) Pisarkiewicz, a 6-foot-3, 205-pound quarterback is no running threat but might be the strongest and most accurate passer in the Big Eight. Tony Galbreath, 237-pound senior tailback, is a punishing runner (See story, page 114) who is also a fine receiver and passer.

Annise Davis, 203, and John Blakeman, 218, are both excellent fullbacks with 4.6 speed at 40 yards and good blocking ability but it was the conversion of sophomore Joe Stewart from second string tailback to flanker-slotback that gave Onofrio the impression he'd stumbled across the missing piece to his puzzle.

Stewart, a former Illinois prep dash champion from Evanston with 4.4 speed in the 40 is already being billed as "another Johnny Rodgers" by those who regularly witnessed his scrimmages last spring.

"Joe has the potential," admitted Onofrio, "and he's working his butt off. But he's not comfortable yet. He's out there reading the defense and remembering his pattern and all at once, here comes the ball. But he's an added ingredient. They've got to know where he is all the time."

Onofrio sees Stewart as a dangerous threat on the bomb or streak patterns, a back who can go all the way from a screen and one that can hurt the enemy on reverses and other specialty plays. He's also the No. 1 kickoff returner.

Dick Jamieson, who coaches Mizzou quarterbacks and receivers, sees Stewart as possessing the natural skills of Nebraska's 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Rodgers but added, "I don't know if he'll ever stack up with Johnny with the ball in his hands."

Jamieson prefers to compare him with departed senior Mark Miller, the Big Eight's top pass receiver last year.

"He is faster than Mark, has greater jumping ability and far more natural ability to catch the ball," he said. "Now we have to find out if he can do it in games and in traffic as well as Mark

Co-captain Galbreath had an addendum: "If they (the defenders from Alabama, Michigan, et al.) ever get behind Joe, they'll stay there."

For the last two seasons, the quarterbacks whom Mizzou touted and then started the season with wound up losing their jobs before the finale. In each case, the fissures in the incumbent began to show in the spring.

That was not the case with Pisarkiewicz this spring. He was once again named offensive star of the game, winning the accolade by completing 12 of 21 tosses for 192 yards as his Blacks prevailed, 23-7, against a Gold team that seemed superior on paper.

Yet the big junior from St. Louis is not all that far out in front of an even bigger sophomore from St. Louis in the duel for the job.

Pete Woods, 6-4, 205, has not learned how to read patterns as well as Zark or throw on the break as precisely, yet he, too, has a rifle arm and, unlike Zark, is an excellent runner.

Like Nebraska's Tom Osborne, Onofrio believes a quarterback must challenge the defense with the run.

"Pisarkiewicz can do that," said the coach. "If you remember, he scored a touchdown for us against Nebraska."

Zark knows how to build momentum and is the acknowledged leader of the team. His arm is quick and he doesn't mind taking a shot if he can hold the ball one added second to read the defense.

His passing statistics—70 completions in 156 attempts for 805 yards, six TD's and eight interceptions—are pedestrian unless you examine them closely.

Actually, he only started the last six games. Three of his interceptions came when he was inserted late in games already lost. He was the winning pitcher in four of the six games he started. One loss was to Oklahoma. The other was to Oklahoma State but he was sidelined with an injury when the Cowboys turned the game around and locked it up.

While Zark will look to Stewart to

shag his bombs, his bread-and-butter target is more apt to be senior Henry Marshall, a 6-5, 205-pounder from Salinas, Kansas. He's the split receiver.

Marshall, with 4.6 speed, was a disappointment last year, grabbing only five passes. But he gained confidence during a banner spring and wound up catching six Zark bullets for 102 yards in the Black and Gold game.

The Tigers have other talented receivers, all of whom have excellent hands, but none is faster than 4.6. Included are redshirt sophomore Pete Blake and sophomore Lamont Downer, both of St. Louis, who back Marshall, and redshirt sophomore Rich Lain of Morton Grove, Illinois; senior Randy Grossart of Chico, California; and sophomore Steve Mally of Chicago, who back Stewart at flanker.

There are excellent tailbacks behind Galbreath, all in the 4.6 speed range and all with good marks in the spring. Jornel Williams, St. Louis, seemed clearly to have a grip on the No. 2 position. Behind the 190-pound junior are Dean Liebson, 195-pound sophomore of Corning, New York; junior college transfer Curtis Brown, 190, of St. Charles, Missouri; and senior Bill Marx, 185, of Dallas, Texas.

"Next to Galbreath, Williams has the most God-given talent," said Charley Cowdrey, backfield coach. "He knows how to miss people, accelerate and turn upfield. This spring, he gained the consistency we had been expecting of him."

JOE STEWART (32) has moves that are mindful of Johnny Rodgers.

Brown and Liebson, as Cowdrey sees it, tend to slide outside when it looks congested upfield so thus must learn that "those defensive backs in the Big Eight are just as fast as running backs and will be right there waiting for them at the boundary."

At tight end, Jamieson believes he has a worthy successor to Don Muse in senior Charley Douglass (6-3, 226, Mountain Grove) who has adequate speed, is a crushing blocker and rarely drops a pass if it hits him in the numbers.

Sophomores John McDonald and Oliver Burbridge, both of St. Louis, have better hands but need work on blocking skills. Transfer Percy McBride has hands and speed but was not required to block as a tight end at Indian Hills Community College in Centerville, Iowa. He could wind up as a wide receiver.

That completes the list of offensive "special people" except for Tom McBride, third string fullback (the coaches hope) and cousin to St. Louis Cardinal outfielder Bake McBride.

McBride, a 220-pound sophomore, was the No. 2 fullback as the spring began but suffered hamstring strain early and the coaches didn't really get a look at him.

"The offensive line is going to be bigger than we've had for some time," said Onofrio. "At least, that's a plus."

It will be anchored by junior Morris Towns (6-4, 255, St. Louis) at tackle and senior Mike Owens (6-4, 235, Jackson, Mississippi) at center, All-Big Eight candidates. Tony Kopay, who came from the University of Washington to coach the Mizzou offensive line also had returning senior lettermen Bob Carr (6-4, 232, Kansas City) and D.W. Johnston (6-4, 240, El Cajon, California) at tackle but he moved sophomore Jim Taylor (6-5, 250, Peoria, Illinois) ahead of them.

Junior tackles Joel Yearian (6-3, 233, Woodridge, Illinois) and Bruce Whitmer (6-3, 232, Liberty, Missouri) became the first-string guards with backups Tom Kowalczyk (6-3, 236, St. Louis) and Ken Kells (6-1, 230, St. Louis).

Sophomore Randy Wepler (6-5, 235, Liberty, Missouri) and junior Larry McDevitt (6-1, 230, St. Louis) graded almost equally in the spring battle for No. 2 center.

"Finding out that Yearian and Whitmer could play guard was one of the best things that happened to us this spring," said Onofrio.

It did seem Kopay's department was strongly stocked but the head coach resisted efforts from the defensive staff to proselytize any of the players, even though Mizzou had only one returning starter for the seven defensive positions (linemen and linebackers) that will battle in the trenches. He wanted to make sure that Galbreath and his other "special people" had plenty of blocking going for them.

Onofrio's biggest 1974 disappointments were the 180-degree windshifts in defensive performance. A defensive gem against Arizona State (9-0) was followed by an utter collapse, 59-20, against Wisconsin. A brilliant 21-10 defensive victory over Nebraska was followed by a 31-7 debacle against Oklahoma State.

"Sure it was frustrating," said Onofrio. "Once you do it—pursue and tackle and get around the ball as we did against Arizona State and Nebraska—then you should be able to do it in every game."

To solve the problem, Onofrio has retooled the defense slightly. Instead of the monster defense employed since 1972, the Tigers will go to a four-deep. Instead of stationing tackles on the outside shoulder of opposing tackles, Onofrio will play his tackles headup to take the pressure off the noseguard and free the linebackers for pursuit.

Assistant John Kadlec, moved from offensive line coach to the defensive interior line, has done his best recruiting in ghetto areas so he is accustomed to operating at the poverty level. The experience could serve him well this fall because the front five he will trot out September 8 against Alabama may include two reformed quarterbacks and a converted linebacker. Only co-captain Bob McRoberts at end is a returning starter.

The ex-quarterbacks are tackle Keith Morrissey (6-4, 226, Gallatin, Missouri), a redshirt sophomore, and end Blaine Henningsen (6-3, 210, Richmond, Missouri), a junior.

The reformed linebacker is Don Cole (6-3, 225, Springfield, Missouri), a sophomore. The fifth starter is noseguard Steve Meyer (6-3, 225, El Cajon, California), a senior who played behind Tom Cooper at that position last year.

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By **BOB HURT** *Daily Oklahoman*

THROUGH THE MAGIC of magazine instant replay, let's return to Lincoln, Neb., on Oct., 26, 1974—the day Oklahoma State jerked defeat from the jaws of victory.

Oklahoma State's defense had performed nobly, which it did most of the year. And suddenly, with the clock about to run out of ticks, the offense started to perk. From their 20-yard line, the Pokes marched to the five. Nebraska's 7-3 lead seemed certain to evaporate. Quarterback Charlie Weatherbie slashed to the one before the ball was jerked from his grasp. Nebraska's Ardell Johnson recovered.

It would be presumptuous to assume an Oklahoma State touchdown then would have won the game, since 3:22 remained. But Weatherbie doesn't mind being presumptuous.

"Everybody knew we beat 'em," said the quarterback. "We just didn't outscore 'em. If we had beaten Nebraska, that would have made a big difference in the season."

Which may be true. For the past three years, the Cowpokes have made the Big Eight's first division. Optimists in the OSU camp feel the big thing needed to scale that proverbial hump is a big victory. That, they reason, would provide instant confidence, which in turn would provide OSU the consistency it has lacked.

Realistically, however, the intangibles couldn't have offset the tangibles of injuries last year for the Pokes. They had enough to keep the Marcus Welby series going for a couple of years.

The injuries contributed to a feeble finish, the low point being a 20-37 loss to Colorado. "The Fiesta Siesta," it was called. The Fiesta Bowl had tapped OSU a few days before the game.

OSU squeaked by Iowa State, 14-12, took a 44-13 licking at Oklahoma and survived the Fiesta Bowl, 16-6, when Brigham Young's quarterback was injured early.

That added up to a 7-5 record and gave Jim Stanley a two-year head coaching mark of 12-9-2. That's not bad. OSU has had three straight plus .500 years, the first time that's happened since 1959.

Still, there were a few grumbles in the background. OSU, picked for sixth, finished fourth and was voted "the surprise team" in the conference. Yet, there was one report—highly unfounded—that some alums were trying to raise the dough to buy off Jim's contract. Instead, Stanley got a raise—but not a contract extension. It will be up for renewal after this season.

What can reasonably be expected for this year? More of the same, probably. The experts will tab OSU for the middle of the conference with an over-all mark a game or so better than .500. But OSU coaches sound more optimistic than that.

"I guess you always are more optimistic in the spring," said Stanley. "Otherwise, what would you have to look forward to."

From a numbers standpoint, the Cowpokes have no reason to paint a glowing future. They return 44 lettermen among which are six offensive and four defensive starters.

There are some quality players. Defensive tackles Phillip Dokes (6-5, 256) and James White (6-5, 251) are immovable objects. Linebacker Brent Robinson (6-0, 204, has radar installed in his plastic helmet.

But if strides are to be made in substantial improvement, it will have to be on offense. An adequate if somewhat inexperienced offensive line has been built around center Gary Chlouber (6-2, 223), a legitimate all-conference contender. Cowpoke coaches feel halfback Terry Miller (6-0, 186), injured through about half of his freshman year, is on the verge of greatness. Two other running backs who can sail through the 40-yard dash in 4.6 or under are available in Skip Taylor (5-11, 176) and Kenny Walker (6-2, 200). They ooze potential, as does fullback Robert Turner (5-11, 192).

The consistency OSU seeks on offense has not been present in OSU's offensive coaching staff. For the seventh straight year, the Pokes will have a different offensive coordinator. The new one is Gene Henderson, who ironically has spent six of his seven years in collegiate coaching working with defense.

That's not a knock, just a fact. Personally, I'm impressed by Henderson, who came to OSU from Florida State a year ago. He turned down more lucrative offers to coach defense to return to his first love, offense, and to Stanley. They were Texas A&M teammates.

***TERRY MILLER** demonstrated in the spring that the conference rushing crown could find a new home in Stillwater. The "I" formation is a better showcase for his talents.*

Henderson believes in fitting the formation to the personnel—as do about 99.9 percent of all coaches. But Henderson is different. He has put the cliche into action. In the spring, the Cowpokes diligently worked at blending a Slot I formation with the Wishbone. The Slot was more productive. Which of the two formations will be used most will depend on the defense the Pokes encounter. Stanley estimates the formations will be used 50-50 against normal defenses.

Henderson labels the Wishbone a "high-risk offense" which requires difficult "reads" by the quarterback and good blockers at halfbacks. He prefers it as a middle-of-the-field offense. "The sideline is the enemy of the Wishbone," he said. The OSU Slot is likely to be seen when the ball is snapped from the hashmarks.

The Slot, with three wide receivers, provides a better passing formation. And passing is what OSU plans to do more often. The Pokes have ranked next to last in Big Eight aerial production the past two years.

"We have to force the issue and throw the football," said Henderson "We hope to have enough faith in our passing to throw on any down from any spot on the field. We don't want to be stereotyped. It makes it too easy for the defense. If you set a pattern on offense, you're in trouble. We don't want to be stopped by a computer."

The Slot is tailored to fit the talents of two key backs, Weatherbie and Miller.

"I can run both but I like the Slot I better," says Weatherbie. "Terry Miller is a great back in any formation but I think he fits the Slot better. It gives him more freedom whereas you have to be more disciplined in the Wishbone."

Weatherbie's status remains somewhat tenuous. The junior from Fort Scott, Kan., started most games last year. But he was about to be replaced after the fourth game by rookie Scott Burk, a 4.6 burner from Colorado Springs who is the team's best option quarterback. Burk, however, was hurt in that game. Burk did start in the final game against Oklahoma and in the Fiesta Bowl, although Weatherbie did most of the playing.

In the spring, the quarterback position was tossed up for grabs among Weatherbie, Burk and Jimmy Derrick (6-2, 187), whose scrambling and quick release make him a good passing threat. Weatherbie emerged clearly as No. 1 at spring's end but there remains the chance he could yield his spot in the fall.

Miller clearly will be the left half in the Wishbone and the tailback in the slot. "He's got a chance to be as good as anybody in the conference," says Henderson.

Skip Taylor, although hurt through much of the spring, showed an affinity to the Slot and will back up Miller. When in the Wishbone, he'll share time at right half with Walker, a 4.5 speedster.

Walker, out of Mesa, Ariz., juco, debuted last season with 120 yards in five tries against Wichita. He seemed to think that should warrant more playing time than he received. At one time, he seemed on the verge of leaving.

"But Walker made real progress in the spring," said Henderson. "He was enjoyable to be around this spring. He's a slow starter. His first two steps hurt him but when he gets going he's as fast as anybody around."

Because of injuries to George Palmer, Turner started much of last year. His greatest asset, says Henderson, is his 4.6 speed.

One of the fringe benefits of going into the Slot I is that it doesn't require a tight end. This is the most tender offensive spot. Bruce Blankenship (6-4, 229), with 4.8 speed, is the heir apparent. His blocking started to come around at the end of spring. But there could be juggling at tight end in the fall. Robert James, a sophomore from Colorado Springs, is a possibility. Lorenzo Turner or Ron Baker could be shifted over from defense. And a freshman could come into the picture, although this is a most difficult position for a rookie. Charles Loggins, a highly-sought back from Grandfield, is a possibility, as is Mike Edwards, a 6-3, 210-pounder with 4.6 speed.

Henderson seems reasonably happy with the wide receivers. Coming in as a flanker in the slot formation for the Wishbone right half will be Sam Lisle (6-2, 188) or Pete Copolla (5-11, 180). "Between the two of them, we'll get a good enough flanker," said Henderson. "They're dependable receivers. They can catch in a crowd."

Gerald Bain (6-2, 185), with 4.6

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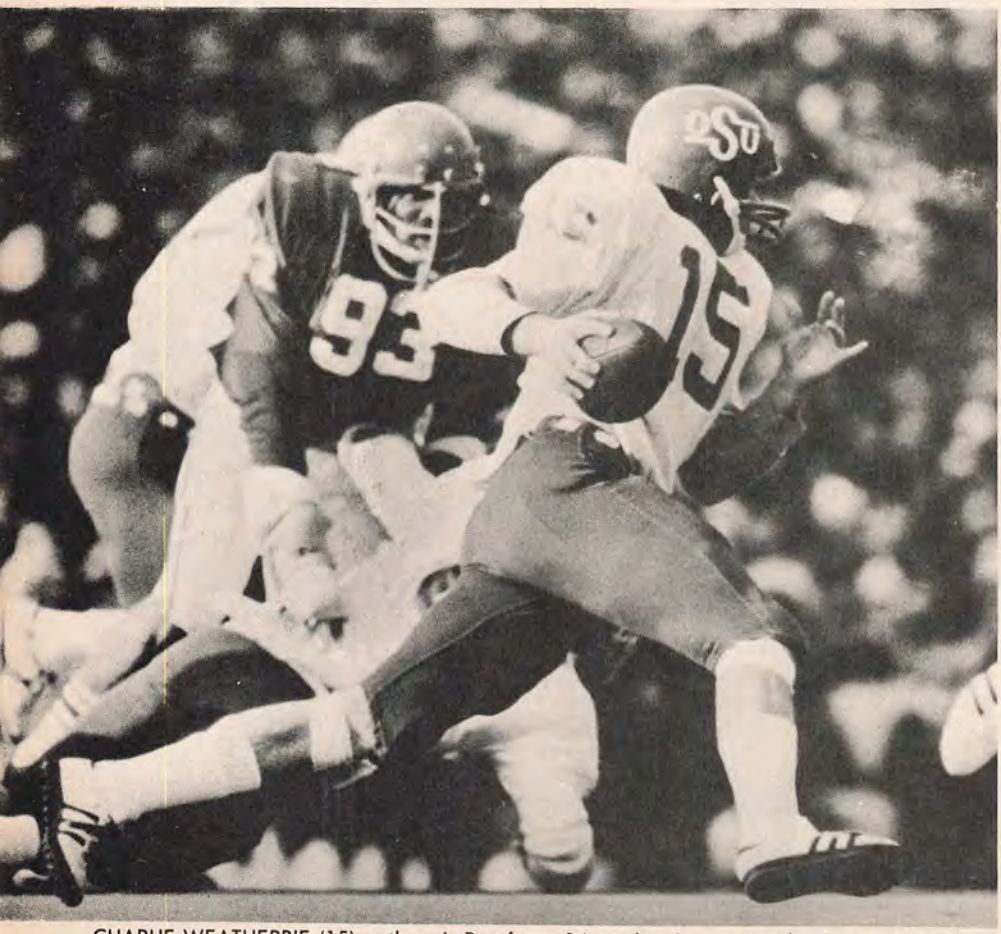

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By **DAN CREEDON** *Boulder Camera*

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WE'LL BE BETTER. I guarantee you, we'll be better." This was the battle cry of University of Colorado football coach Bill Mallory wherever he went following the Buffs' 1975 spring practice.

How much better?

Well, Colorado has perhaps as much offensive potential as at any time since the likes of Charlie Davis, Bo Matthews and J.V. Cain were sophomores and 9.3 sprinter Cliff Branch was establishing a national record for scoring returns on kickoffs and punts. So the Bison will improve (from last fall's 5-6-0 finish) as much as an almost completely revamped defensive unit will allow in 1975.

Mallory, considered a defensive genius during five straight winning years at Miami (of Ohio), suffered during his first year in Colorado. In the Big Eight, the Buffs were *last* in rushing defense, *last* in total defense and *last* in defense against scoring.

But it's possible that by the time Colorado inaugurates Mallory's second season in the Big Eight at Oklahoma on the first Saturday in October, it will have only one full-fledged 1974 regular back and stationed in the same position in the '75 Buff defensive alignment. That's Troy Archer, the open side (of the field) end who won every defensive award Mallory and his staff passed out last fall after coming into the CU program from Rio Hondo, Calif., junior college. And even Archer, because of post-season knee surgery which forced him to miss all of spring practice, must be considered something of a question mark until he plays again in the fall. Nobody in the CU camp, though, expects Archer, a 6-4, 241-pounder, to play at anything less than full speed in 1975. After all, Archer played the entire '74 season on a badly damaged knee but still developed into an all-league caliber defender. "I'm not saying we're where we have to be," Mallory says in assessing his defensive unit, "but we have made a lot of progress." So much so that Mallory will head into fall deeply concerned over one position—the very important, in the "50-defense," nose guard position. "We have to get it better," Mallory said, pounding his right fist into his left palm for emphasis. Getting it better may involve giving junior college transfer Fran Fredette (a 6-0, 230-pounder who was out all spring while recovering from knee surgery) and freshman Ruben Vaughan (a 6-4, 244-pounder from Los Angeles' Jordan High School) a chance in the preseason to oust the veterans at the position, off-and-on, two-year starter Steve Griffin (a muscular 5-10 youngster who has bulked himself up to 219 pounds for his senior year) and junior Tiloi Lolotai.

At every other position on defense, Mallory seems reasonably satisfied. Just listen. "We'll definitely be better at the tackles. Our ends can play and we're getting some help there from our young players, too. I think we have five linebackers with a chance to play. In the secondary, our first four have progressed well. We have good speed there (in the secondary) and they're all hitters."

The speed in the secondary, if you can believe the official times the CUers are credited with having run under what one coach calls "ideal conditions," would make a track coach drool Colorado is expected to open in the secondary with junior letterman Mike Spivey (4.3 for the 40) and junior college transfer Mike Davis (4.5) on the corners, senior Mike McCoy (4.35) at safety and junior letterman Tom Tesone (4.5) at Apache back (strong safety).

The alignment of the secondary personnel emphasizes one of the more alarming aspects of Mallory's rebuilt defense—an unusually large number

MELVIN JOHNSON can break a game open at any moment with his blazing 9.3 speed.

of defenders are learning new positions. A year ago, for example, Tesone was a safety, McCoy a cornerback, Spivey a strong safety and Davis a free safety in junior college.

There was, however, a method to Mallory's madness in the shifts. For openers, the CU coach became convinced early in his first year in the Big Eight that the (free) safety spot called for a super talented athlete. "You need a great safety to win in this conference," said Mallory, who found success late in the '74 season by using his best and fastest secondary hand, cornerback Rod Perry (fourth-round Los Angeles Rams' draft choice) at safety. The shift with Perry was parti-

cularly effective against Oklahoma State.

Tesone probably didn't have the blazing speed to be a safety, but was stationed there out of necessity last fall because of injuries to more experienced personnel. The '74 season was also Tesone's first full-time exposure to defense. "Tom should make us a good Apache back," says Mallory. "He's taken to the position well. And defense isn't new to him now like it was last fall, after we moved him over from quarterback. Don't forget, he hadn't even had the benefit of a spring practice, because he was recovering from knee surgery our first spring here. He has much more confidence now."

When Mallory talks about being better at tackle, he is talking about Charlie Johnson, a 6-3, 282-pounder from Tyler, Tex., J.C., who could be the one great down lineman Colorado needs to turn the corner on defense. Even in Crowder's most successful years, the Bison always seemed to be a tackle short of greatness, but they did have folks like Bill Brundige, Herb Orvis and Carl Taibi who could carry just average players to great heights. Johnson could be the same kind of guy.

DAVID WILLIAMS (12) has one of the strongest arms in the Big 8.

Mallory is the first to admit Johnson, a tight end at Tyler last year, has some adjustments to make, though. "Defensive tackle is basically a new spot for Charlie. He has never played before as a down lineman on defense, but he has all the physical tools (4.7 speed to go with the size) and can be as good as he wants to be in time."

Bob Simpson, a 6-5, 243-pound senior who was pressed into service two years ago when he probably should have been red shirted, will be the other starting tackle. He's stronger, quicker and has more know-how now than a year ago when he was in and out of the starting lineup.

Colorado will back Johnson and Simpson with untested sophomores, but in converted offensive linemen Jackie Thornton (6.4, 288) and Frank Patrick (6-2, 260), the CU staff feels it has two excellent prospects.

Thornton came out of Farmington, N.M., as a 330-pounder last fall and played some with the varsity in a reserve role at offensive tackle and as an extra tackle in some goal-line defenses. "If we can get Jackie down to 275 pounds—and I think we will—he can be a good defensive tackle," Mallory says. "He has good quickness." Patrick is a junior college transfer (Indian Hills, Centerville, Iowa) who was red-shirted in 1974.

Colorado didn't need a lot of help at defensive end, with Archer and part-time '74 starter Whitney Paul coming back. But at least three newcomers blossomed at the position in the spring, with junior college transfer Dave Rice (6-4, 218, El Camino, Calif.) the best of the new faces. Rice made a lot of headway at Archer's open side spot, after moving from linebacker halfway through spring. Another ex-linebacker, soph-to-be Mark Krupicka (6-5, 211, Odessa, Tex.), also made an impression, although he had less than a week of work at the position before ripping up a knee. The other soph in the picture is Leon Minter, a high school teammate of Westendorf's at Kent, Wash.

Like most schools in the Big Eight, Colorado starts all over again with its linebacking crew, but the suspicion is that the Bison will get improved play from their 'backers.

Bart Roth, a junior the CU players call the "Hit Man," out of respect for the aggressiveness the 6-1, 207-pounder shows, and Bill Muxlow, a 6-2, 291-pound all-state Juco choice in California, went into the spring game as Colorado's No. 1 linebacking tandem. But Roth, a one-time prep quarterback, and Muxlow, who has 4.8 speed, won't keep their jobs in the fall without a fight.

Senior Gary Campbell, the same Gary Campbell who barrelled 44 yards for Colorado's first touchdown in the Buffs' 20-14 upset of Oklahoma in 1972, and sophomore Tom Perry, a magnificently proportioned 6-3, 230-pounder, both moved over from offense (both were fullbacks last fall) during the spring and showed great potential. Neither is a complete newcomer to linebacking. Crowder's old staff red-shirted Campbell while teaching him the position in '73 and he stayed there under Mallory until the CU coach decided he needed tailback help last October. Perry also had a turn on defense in Mallory's first spring, but went back to offense and started at fullback in the only game he played in (at Air Force Academy) in what turned out to be a red-shirt (hardship) sophomore year.

"If we had to play tomorrow, Campbell would be a starter," Mallory declared after the spring game. "He's quicker this year and is a leader the other kids respect. He also plays defense with a little emotion. I like that."

Perry, Mallory hints, is Colorado's future at linebacker. "Tom has the potential to be a great linebacker," Mallory says. "He has outstanding size, strength (he can bench press 405 pounds) and speed (4.6). And he is much more comfortable now as a linebacker."

Brian Cabral, a soph-to-be who was the first freshman (as a nose guard) to crack the Buff varsity last fall, is the fifth linebacker in the Colorado picture.

Not only does Colorado return nine full-fledged starters on offense, it also has four other returnees who started at least one game apiece.

Neither of the spots left vacant by the graduation of the '74 starters—right guard (Harvey Goodman) and split end (Larry Ferguson)— is shy of talent.

Red-shirt soph Steve Hakes, who had earned a starting berth by the second game (Michigan) last fall, is likely to step in for Goodman, although he'll be pressed by Steve

Stripling, a fifth-year senior who has started at one time or another at both guard spots. Hakes' soph campaign was short-lived, as he was clipped on punt coverage against Michigan and later had to undergo knee surgery.

The Buffs' split end will be its most experienced player, three-year letterman Dave Logan, who is moving outside after two years as a wingback, where he never looked fully comfortable as a runner. Logan is coming off knee surgery (after the Oklahoma State game in mid-November) and didn't work at all in the spring.

"We think we'll be able to utilize Dave's talents a little better at split end," Mallory says. "We want to establish him more as a receiver. That's his strong suit. I don't think there are many defensive backs who can go up and take a ball away from Dave." Logan led Colorado receivers with 21 catches for 273 yards last fall, but didn't have as spectacular a year as he had enjoyed as a sophomore (22 receptions for 395 yards and 172 yards on 16 punt returns).

The decision to move Logan was easy, for an extremely underrated athlete, junior Emery Moorehead, last year's backup at wingback, was available to step in. "Frankly, Moorehead's better at wingback," Mallory said. Perhaps a stronger runner and blocker than Logan, Moorehead also averaged 19.1 yards per reception when called upon to catch the football last fall. Paul Krause, a senior who began his college career at the University of Oklahoma as a quarterback, is behind Moorehead.

With Logan at split end will be either Larry Williams, the No. 3 man a year ago, or 9.3 sprinter Melvin Johnson, primarily a tailback his first two years in the Colorado program. Mallory wanted to experiment with Johnson as a receiver in the spring, but the Bourg, La., native broke a bone in his wrist the first day away from the track program. End of experiment.

Not all of Colorado's returning regulars will keep their jobs without a fight.

Tailback Billy Waddy, heavier at 185 pounds and perhaps half-a-step faster at 4.35 in the 40, faces perhaps the stiffest challenge in 5-11, 195-pound Tony Reed, the small-school junior college player of the year last fall in California (Antelope Valley) after rushing for 1,432 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Reed unquestionably was the star of Colorado's Silver-Gold spring game, rushing for 96 yards (18 carries) in leading his team to a 21-0 win. "Off of the spring game, Reed was the better tailback," Mallory conceded. "But it's no big deal. We're going to use 'em both."

Waddy, of course, was Colorado's leading 1974 rusher—in which he ran for 551 yards while alternating with Charlie Davis.

Reed, it's worth noting, is a late bloomer. He played his high school football in Japan (where his father was stationed in the Air Force) and it took him nearly a year to establish himself at Antelope Valley as anything more than a specialist.

Another California Juco product, 6-4, 210-pound Jeff Austin, has stepped in for the graduated (a year ahead of schedule to enroll in law school) Clyde Crutchmer back of '74 starter David Williams (1,089 yards total offense and 52.5 per cent passing accuracy as a junior). *Continued on page 118*

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CYCLONES ARE THE SLEEPER

Bruce did the best coaching job in the conference last year, guiding a troubled team to within five points of fourth place. If another defensive reclamation can be fashioned, the Cyclones will awaken. By BUCK TURNBULL *Des Moines Register*

THE STADIUM IS NEW, but will it be the same old story at Iowa State, still another losing season?

That's the capsule situation in Ames, where the football teams have enjoyed only two winning years since 1940.

A new 42,000-seat stadium, which can be increased to 50,000 with end-zone bleachers, has produced unbridled enthusiasm for the Cyclones of '75. Tickets have been selling at a pace that seems certain to smash all attendance records.

But whether the plush, double-decked facility and the resulting rush for choice seats will mark the start of a new era in the won-lost column is doubtful—perhaps even unlikely—because the Big Eight continues to offer such formidable opposition.

With a cache of offensive weapons

Earle Bruce has been dogged by bad luck in his first two years as head coach, a pair of identical 4-7 seasons. It wouldn't have taken much to turn those records around because four of the losses were by only two points and two others were three-pointers.

The toughest blow of all occurred early last fall when sophomore quarterback Buddy Hardeman was injured on the first play of the second game, damaging a knee that required surgery.

So the veer-T offense geared to Hardeman's option running had to be retooled, and Wayne Stanley, who had started seven games the year before, took command the rest of the way. Both Hardeman and Stanley are coming back to fight it out along with Tom Mason, who also is very much in the picture.

But the three dueled to no decision in spring practice, making the Cyclones extremely difficult to evaluate.

Not even Bruce himself can figure out who is No. 1, and the confusion was only compounded by the intrasquad game that ended spring ball.

Although he insists his knee is fully recovered, Hardeman did not play well, and where he had figured to reclaim his old job by then, instead it was Stanley who performed with such cool authority the others will have trouble dislodging him.

Wayne piloted the White team to a 21-7 victory over the Reds—the squad was split evenly in a pre-game draft—by hitting 10 of 15 passes for 103 yards. Four of five came in a 91-yard touchdown drive, during which Stanley also contributed a 15-yard run.

"This is the first time I really felt at home out there," he said afterwards. "We've had a lot of seniors on the team before and I didn't really feel I was the leader when I went into the huddle."

Then there's Mason, like Stanley also a senior. Bruce considers him the best pass-run threat of the three, and Tom was impressive with 15 completions in 28 throws for 183 yards.

So, as the countdown began for the Cyclones to make their long-waited move into the $7½-million stadium this fall, Stanley remained the No. 1 quarterback, Mason was next, and Hardeman stood no better than No. 3.

There were some other surprising results of that spring tussle, too, including such sidelights as these:

Bruce rates junior Mike Williams as an even better tailback than the graduated Mike Strachan ("That may be hard to believe in view of Strachan's records, but I think it's true," said the coach), but unheralded fullback Jim Wingender gained twice as many yards as Williams and was voted the top offensive player of the game.

Bruce tabs sophomore defensive tackle Mike Stensrud for all-America stardom ("He's better than any tackle we ever had when I coached at Ohio State"), yet it was Mike's brother, middle guard Maynard Stensrud, who was voted the game's outstanding defensive player.

And no one on the Cyclone coaching staff was prepared for what happened at tight end, with 6-foot 7-inch sophomore Guy Preston snaring five passes to top all receivers with 68 yards. He's still not even listed on the two-deep charts.

"He kind of shook up the basket there," admitted Bob Seaman, Iowa State's offensive coordinator.

"We have considered Dave Greenwood our No. 1 tight end and Glover Rogers No. 2. Don Greenwood, Dave's brother, is another good tight end coming back after an injury, and with Preston around now, we may be able to move Dave Greenwood somewhere else in the offensive line."

If you get the impression from all this that the Cyclones are deeper than normal, that seems to be a fair assessment.

Bruce sounds an optimistic note when he says: "Overall, our depth is much better than in my first two years. We have more good football players and there is not as great a dropoff from

MIKE WILLIAMS (20) is rated by his coach as an even better tailback than graduated Mike Strachan.

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the first and second units."

Offensively more than defensively, however.

The Cyclones are going to be able to move the ball—by air perhaps more than any Bruce team ever has (it takes a while to break out of the Woody Hayes mold, you know)—but there are some definite defensive shortcomings.

They are not deep up front. "We have two good tackles in Mike Stensrud and Ron McFarland, but you need more than two," declared Tom Harper, the defensive coordinator.

It's the same at nose guard, where junior-college transfer Jimmy Potter dropped out of school after last season. Maynard Stensrud can hold his own, maybe with the best in the league, but there is no second replacement.

And in all areas, the Cyclones have no greater question mark than at the linebackers.

They got a big break when the University of Tampa quit football last winter. That's where Bruce formerly coached and he wasted no time latching on to the player many considered Tampa's best, linebacker Greg Pittman, along with two other promising transfers, defensive end Otis Rodgers and corner back Jimmy Randolph.

Pittman did not have a spectacular spring while adjusting to his northern surroundings, but he's ticketed to man the strong-side linebacker spot left vacant by Brad Storm's departure. Rodgers and Randolph are on the second unit.

The other starting linebacker at the conclusion of spring drills was Mark Settle, who won his scholarship as a freshman walk-on last fall. Much will depend on how Pittman, a senior, and Settle respond to the Big Eight wars.

On offense, there are many more virtues to extol with eight starters returning.

The receivers are extraordinary, especially the dangerous speed and talented hands of Luther Blue, who missed the first two games last season and still wound up fourth in the conference with 26 catches for 450 yards.

Blue was the nation's No. 2 kickoff returner, becoming so much of a threat that opponents were forced to aim their kicks away from him. He can run the 40 in a swift 4.5 seconds.

"Luther is unbelievably smooth," remarked Seaman, "and I constantly marvel at his ability to catch the ball while running routes at full speed. He could be one of the best receivers ever to come out of this conference."

That's reason enough for the ground-oriented Bruce to take to the air.

"We want to get the ball to Blue as much as possible," said Earle, "and we've switched him from split end to flanker.

"But the important thing is that we get the ball to him and not to the other team. I'm not against passing but I don't like interceptions. I thought one of the key factors in our spring game was that we threw the ball 64 times and had only two interceptions."

In last year's final Big Eight statistics, only wishbone teams Oklahoma and Oklahoma State had fewer than Iowa State's 79 pass completions, and only Kansas gave up more than the 16 Cyclone interceptions.

Forry Smith, a rangy 6-3 senior, is another excellent receiver and he'll take over at split end, where he served as a backup to Blue last season.

Most of the starters are returning in the offensive line, spearheaded by 6-6, 255-pound senior Bob Bos, one of the league's premier guards ("he has super potential as a pro," says Seaman), and he's not the only bruiser up front, either.

The tackle contingent includes Pierre Gelinas (6-7, 257), Randy Young (6-6, 249), Gerry Petsch (6-3, 235), Kevin Cunningham (6-6, 233), and Karl Schueneman (6-8, 254).

The fast-improving Gelinas, a senior from Canada who didn't play high school football, has taken Young's starting job away from him. Petsch holds down the other tackle position, Rob Stoffel will team with Bos at guard, and veteran Jeff Jones returns at center.

Tailback Williams, who gained 464 yards in a fine sophomore campaign behind the injury-plagued Strachan, and Wingender give the Cyclones a pair of tough running backs. They'll be relieved by two promising rookies, Cal Cummins and 235-pound Mike Larsen.

So the offense should be as menacing to the opposition as any

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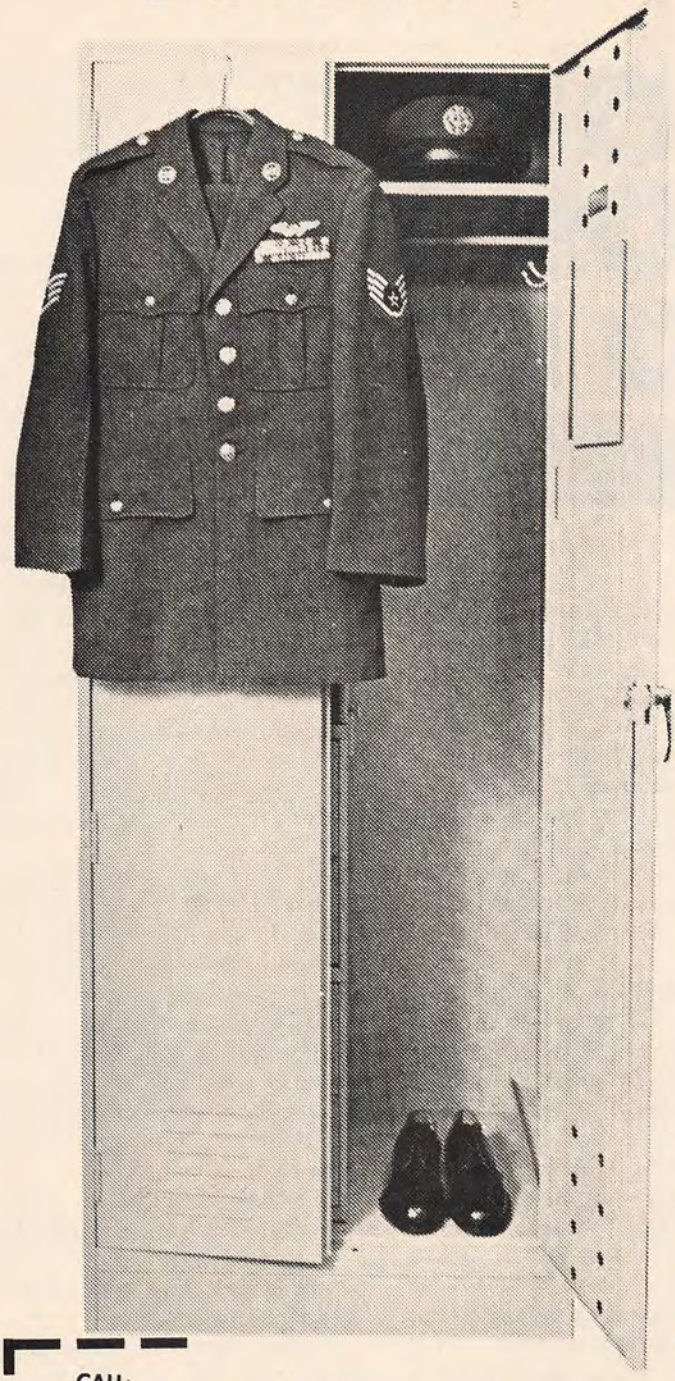

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MOORE LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

By **BOB HENTZEN** *Topeka Capitol-Journal*

WHEN BUD MOORE was 11 years old, his family moved from Bug Tussle, Ala., to West End, a suburb of Birmingham. And there he learned what it was to compete.

"We used to go to the Birmingham ballpark and sit in the bleachers and try to get foul balls," he said. "It was a fight for your life. We only had cottonseed baseballs and you'd hit 'em hard once and they'd be lopsided."

It also was about that time that Robert Wayne Moore decided what he wanted to do in life—coach football. The guy who played tackle at Alabama as a 184-pounder reached head coaching status last Dec. 17 at age 35 when he was hired to rebuild the University of Kansas program.

Rebuild might not be the correct word because the Jayhawks were a second-place team in the Big Eight and a Liberty Bowl team as recently as the 1973 season. But the prosperity was short-lived. The Jayhawks went into a tailspin after suffering a shocking 56-0 home loss to Nebraska and dropped their last six games in 1974. Exit Don Fambrough, enter Moore.

Moore will face one of those fight-for-your-life battles, a la the old Birmingham ballpark, in his rookie season. Kansas has some quality athletes, but probably not enough to scare anybody in the Big Eight. They will be picked on or near the bottom by most folks, which doesn't upset Moore.

"It suits me just fine." he says. "I've seen teams at this point rated better than they were and they've gone downhill. The only way we can go is up. If we have some surprises—which is what we have to have—we could be better than we look on paper."

Even Moore is not exactly sure what the Jayhawks have because from an injury standpoint spring practice was a disaster. Nearly 25 players missed part or all of the work because of injuries or participation in other sports. "One objective of the spring was to become familiar with our personnel and evaluate its strength and weaknesses," he says. "I can't say we were able to do this as much as we had hoped."

The spring drills also did not determine who'll be quarterbacking, although Scott McMichael returns. "It's something to worry about because we didn't have anyone step forward and claim the position," Moore says. "All four of them are running neck and neck.

"McMichael, up until his wrist injury, did the best job of running the team. He's the best passer, but he's not as fast (5.1 in the 40) as we like.

"At times, Scott McCamy (a JV player last year) showed the ability to be a fine sprint-out quarterback. He's the fastest (4.7) of the four.

"Tom Krattli (McMichael's backup) did a better job of reading the veer and doing the fundamental things than the other quarterbacks. And Mike Loyd (a freshman in '74) has the ability to be a fine quarterback. He's big (6-4, 210), strong and has the best arm, but there are a lot of things he needs to learn."

But the real answer to the KU quarterback question may be "none of the above." Moore sneaked a look at strong safety Nolan Cromwell, a wishbone quarterback in high school, the last week of spring drills. And quarterback is where Cromwell will be at the start of August practice.

"We'll give him every opportunity to make it," says Moore. "If it doesn't work out in two or three weeks, he'll still have time before the first ball game to learn everything he needs to know about safety."

Kansas cannot afford the luxury of using Cromwell as a backup quarterback. The 6-2, 190-pounder is one of the best athletes around after coming out of a 1A Kansas high school to earn a starting job as a freshman in 1973.

Although Cromwell spent most of the spring on the track team as an intermediate hurdler and quarter miler, Moore saw enough of him to be impressed.

"He has speed, size, toughness, agility and desire, and potentially he's a real fine leader," says Moore, perhaps painting a picture of a winning wishbone quarterback.

Moore, Bear Bryant's offensive coordinator the past three years at Alabama, introduced the Jayhawks to the wishbone in the spring. He's not positive they'll wind up using it.

"It's what we like to do," he says, "but it depends on the guy who wins the quarterback job. If we see we don't have the personnel to run it, we're not going to beat our heads against the wall. The offense is rigged now to run about any formation—the slot-I,

LAVERNE SMITH (30) stunned the conference as a sophomore by averaging 107.4 yards rushing per game, only 12 yards behind the league leader.

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flanker or split backfield. We broke the wishbone at Alabama a great deal, and not just to throw the football."

Around many great players at Alabama, Moore knows he has some at KU. "We've got a handful who could play for anybody," he says.

Kurt Knoff, twice All-Big Eight free safety, fits that category, although Moore got only a scant look at him in the spring because the 200-pounder with 4.55 speed was playing baseball.

"He's more explosive in hitting people than anybody I've ever coached," says defensive coordinator Lance Van Zandt, who saw plenty of Knoff as a member of Oklahoma State's staff. Van Zandt and another former Cowpoke aide, Wade Phillips, indicated they showed film of Knoff to illustrate hitting to OSU players.

"I'll be surprised if he doesn't make All-American," says Van Zandt. "I know he's going to be one of the first defensive backs drafted by the pros."

Another dandy on the defensive platoon is 6-6, 255-pound Mike Butler. "He's strong and has extremely good quickness for his size," says Moore, "and he has the desire to be a good player. Once he learns to play every down like his life depends on it, he'll be a great one."

Moore's handful of play-for-anybody types includes speed-burning running backs Laverne Smith (4.4) and Bill Campfield (4.6). Smith was No. 2 in the league behind Joe Washington with 1,181 yards in 1974, averaging 6.7 per carry. Campfield didn't see as much playing time, but averaged 5.3 yards.

"They could be as good blockers as they are ball carriers," says Moore, well aware that halfbacks in the wishbone must block for each other.

The main man up front offensively is 6-4, 270-pound tackle Dave Scott (5.15 speed). "If he plays up to his capability, he'll be a fine one-on-one blocker," comments Moore. "His feet aren't as quick as they need to be for him to be tremendous."

There are two others with the credentials, namely speed, to frighten defensive backs and give opposing coaches headaches. Wide receiver candidates Eddie Lewis and Waddell Smith were both members of the Jayhawks' sprint relay teams that cleaned up on the circuit.

But neither has experience. Lewis is a two-year regular at cornerback and Moore saw enough of him in the spring to think he can make the transition. "He has good speed and hands, but he needs to work on his pass cuts," Moore says. "I haven't seen enough of Smith to evaluate him."

If Smith does come through, Lewis could go back to a corner. "I'm still fighting to get him back," says Van Zandt with a chuckle. "That war isn't over yet."

Those, apparently, are the Jayhawk stars or potential stars. There are others with Big Eight experience, but the seasoned talent is spread thin at most spots.

Here's how the Jayhawks shape up in various areas:

Halfbacks—Nothing proven behind Smith and Campfield. Backups probably will be Clif Doran, who was inconsistent in the spring, and Skip Sharp, who was moved from quarterback.

Fullback—Dennis Wright, a 6-2, 210-pound JV player, won Moore's heart with consistent spring play. "He has good size, can run the ball and he'll be a good blocker," says the coach. "He does not have good speed (5.0), but has the knack of picking the hole and following the blocking." Sophomore Skip Johnson also was in the picture, but broke a leg.

Wide receiver—Lewis and/or Smith must come through for the Jayhawks to have a deep threat. Moore hopes not to have to pass often, but wants to make it count when he does. "We need to throw the ball when it's unexpected," he says. "If everybody knows you're going to throw the football, it loses its effectiveness."

Tight end—One of the few places where Kansas has depth. Jim Michael, with enough speed to go to wide receiver if needed, and Gregg Hosack manned the spot adequately last season and 6-6, 225-pound sophomore

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BILLY CAMPFIELD (23) will team with Laverne Smith to give the Jayhawks a balanced backfield, which is crucial for wishbone success.

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THE ACTIVE AFFLUENCY OF MID-AMERICA

By **DAN LAUCK** *Wichita Eagle*

New coach Ellis Rainsberger inherited a team that was eighth in offense and seventh in defense in the league. But it's possible to make the best of a thorny situation—

A BRIAR PATCH just ask Br'er Rabbit!

IT WAS THE '72 SEASON and Kansas State had gone west to play Brigham Young as a two-touchdown favorite . . . and lost 32-9. It was that night that Vince Gibson suddenly realized how far he'd let things slip. The realization was enough to make him sick.

The next day he began the recovery program. There wasn't much he could salvage from that season, but he quit trying to be a nice guy, ousted some of his assistants at season's end and kicked himself in the rear.

This season was to be the third of his recovery program and the work, he thought, would begin to show. That's why he wanted another season so desperately.

He didn't get it. Right before K-State's surprising win over Colorado in the last game last year, he decided the fans were irreperably split and resigned. So it will be Ellis Rainsberger who finds out how far Gibson's recovery had progressed.

Right now Rainsberger has no idea. He has seen just four weeks of football there and that was his players playing each other. It's hard enough to judge your talent that way when you've been around the block; when you haven't it's almost impossible.

"I have some idea, some feeling that we could be a good football team next fall, he said. "But, to be honest, I don't really know. I won't be able to tell you until we go through it once. If you wanted to know about Wisconsin, I could tell you."

Rainsberger was the offensive and recruiting coordinator at Wisconsin the last two seasons. Then, late last December, after courting Oklahoma assistant Larry Lacewell and a long search, K-State named him as Gibson's successor.

Rainsberger knew what he was getting into. He played at K-State in the mid-50's—was an all-conference guard, in fact—coached one season at Kansas under Jack Mitchell and had friends to call on to find out the situation at K-State.

Gibson used to say that no new coach from outside the conference could begin to understand how tough the Big Eight was until he'd been through it a year "I think I know in advance," Rainsberger said. For that reason, he's making no promises for the season. Gibson used to promise the world; Rainsberger won't. "I don't think you can just leap to the top all at once," he said.

What K-State might do, though, is reach respectability again. Its defense might be able to do that by itself, if it plays a reasonable amount of time. Last year the defensive players came off the field each Saturday thinking they'd just been through the Hundred Years War.

"We can't do that again," Rainsberger said. "We just can't have them out there all that time." That's why the trend is to ball-control offenses. No one is dropping back and throwing 50 times like Dave Jaynes and Lynn Dickey used to. K-State will throw more than most, since it will run the slot-I formation.

The question is who will do the throwing. Officially, it will be sophomore Arthur Bailey, who played off-and-on last season, whenever Steve Grogan was hurt. Bailey (6-0, 177 and 4.7 speed in the 40) showed some signs of becoming a good quarterback.

Bailey himself has often been injured. He broke an arm in the varsity-freshman game in the fall of '73, was held out of school that semester and played last fall as a second-semester freshman. Even then he was bothered by injuries.

Come this past spring and he was the No. 1 man. "I've got faith that Arthur will be a good quarterback," Rainsberger said. He had to be going on faith because Bailey was injured again, missed half of the spring and didn't look good when he did play (41 per cent completion percentage).

In the meantime, sophomore Joe Hatcher was playing every day. And getting better every day. He wasn't bad for starters, either, being a three-sport star at Regis High School in Denver who K-State recruited away from Nebraska. As a freshman, he impressively quarterbacked the junior varsity. Against Tulsa, he hit 9 of 15 passes for 253 yards and three touchdowns and ran 41 yards for a fourth.

Rainsberger made him prove himself in the spring and Hatcher (6-1, 191, 4.8) did just that. He completed 57 percent of his passes (31 of 54) for 496 yards and threw just one interception. He suffered bruised ribs two days before the varsity-alumni game and wasn't scheduled to play. He played anyway, completed 3 of 4 passes, including a 72-yard touchdown pass, then reinjured his ribs.

"He was hurting bad," said offensive coordinator Joe Pendry, "and he still played well."

WHEN HEALTHY, ARTHUR BAILEY adds a great scrambling dimension to the Wildcats' attack.

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Hatcher's liability, if any, is his running. He is not in Bailey's class there and suffers by comparison. "But he runs better than he looks," said Pendry. "And knowing when to run is sometimes more important than knowing how to run." Bailey, a scrambler, sometimes doesn't know when to run.

Rainsberger finished the spring convinced both can play. Now it's a matter of deciding which one. Bet on Hatcher.

Don't, however, bet on anyone at tailback or fullback. The tailback could be L.T. Edwards, Kerwin Cox, Carlos Whitfield or Jim Couch. Or Couch could be the fullback, as could Regan Steiner, Verdell Jones, Greg Whelan and Roscoe Scobey.

PAUL SMITH smothers Tinker.

"That worries me some," said Rainsberger. "I wanted someone to step out and take over." No one did.

K-State might go through another season like last, when the runningbacks were dependable but far from flashy. It wasn't until late that Edwards, a junior from Miami, Fla., came to the forefront. Edwards (68 for 296 yards) and Cox (51 for 203) had the best springs. Whitfield is the fastest and most explosive of the bunch (4.5 in the 40) but his explosions fizzled because of injuries last fall and again this spring.

The answer might be Couch, a 6-2, 228-pound juco transfer last fall from Grand Rapids, Mich. Couch was an I-formation tailback in high school and junior college and played fullback in a split backfield last season at K-State. So he's never blocked much. In the slot-I the fullback must block and block well and Couch hasn't. So he was moved to tailback the last two practices and he'll open there this fall.

"He's a good runner," says Pendry. "He's kind of like Galbreath. He can move the pile some when he hits it." Missouri moved Tony Galbreath from fullback to tailback at midseason last year and Galbreath became an all-Big Eight running back.

Pendry would like that kind of success with Couch. If so, the probable fullback—although nothing is sure by a long shot—is Steiner. "Steiner is the best blocker of the bunch." said Pendry. Blocking is the No. 1 priority at fullback under Rainsberger, so Steiner, the starter there last season, looks likely. He did, though, miss the entire spring with a knee injury; if that slows him, Jones looks like the man.

There's no doubt about the slotback. It's Mike Harris, one of the Tampa transfers. Harris was one of Earle Bruce's finds before Bruce went to Iowa State and, no doubt, Bruce would like to have him back. Harris is 6-6, 225 pounds, runs a 4.6 40, hardly slows down when hit by just one guy, catches the ball with one hand and was the seventh leading kickoff returner in the country last fall.

"I've always wanted someone like Harris to play slotback," said Rainsberger. "He can do a lot of things. He's big enough to block well and he can run and catch. He makes us a lot more versatile."

Harris, who'll be a junior, is an exact opposite of Mack Herron, who looked like a tiny tank when he played wingback during K-State's best years. But a lot of people think he could become the best player at K-State since Herron.

The question is whether he'll stay happy. He admits to not having liked most coaches. "So far," he said, "K-State's coaches have been very straight with me."

Harris gives K-State versatility but, of course, the success of the offense will come down to the offensive line. That's Rainsberger's biggest worry. He hasn't seen tackle Mark Zier or center Tim Wasemiller play yet and they figure to be the mainstays. Both missed most of the spring with injuries.

Wasemiller, 6-2 and 247, would be an all-conference type most years. "The pros really like him," said line coach Bob Weber, a holdover from Gibson's staff. "He has size, strength, quickness, toughness."

The tackles look solid, too, with Zier (6-5, 248) and Chris Haag (6-5, 260), a transfer junior from Southern Mississippi.

The guards will be young. In the case of Floyd Dorsey, that's not that big of a problem. Dorsey started some at guard last year as a freshman at just 208 pounds. That's unheard of, but he graded exceptionally well. "He's the best athlete I've ever seen in an offensive line," said Weber. Dorsey is smart and getting bigger (6-4, 232). The other guard could be Shelby Henderson, Jim Rogers or Glenn Plotkins—all sophomores. Henderson (6-1, 235) is the quickest and most experienced and the likely choice.

"I think we should have a pretty decent line by the third or fourth game," Weber said. "They've improved a lot. I think we'll be better than last year." The line, though, is not big by Big Eight standards and with the slot-I, the blocks have to be held longer than ever. The job is tougher.

It's the same for the tight ends. They weren't outstanding last year and there is no newcomer like Harris to take over. Tom Winchell, last year's starter and heir apparent, is 6-2 and 215 and just an adequate blocker. He is, though, the best blocker of those available (Dave Chambliss and Paul Coffman). The receiving part of the job is in good hands as it is with the split ends. Stan Ross (6-2, 195 and 4.6 speed) is an exceptional athlete who came along well late last year. Alonzo

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Hall of Fame

Considering the caliber of football that has been played in the Big Eight over the years it is reasonable to assume that by now someone would have established a Big Eight Hall of Fame. Well, surprisingly enough, no one has and so Hank Keitz, the publisher of the Big Eight Football Magazine, has volunteered. He began by establishing a few basic rules. Anyone who has played for a Big Eight team is eligible, even though he played before his team entered the conference. Ten players will be inducted annually and to be eligible a player's collegiate eligibility must have expired at least 10 years ago. The next step was to form a selection committee. Since the credentials of the selectors would determine the credibility of the Hall of Fame, Keitz chose a panel of eight writers, editors and columnists representing every area of the conference. Most of the selectors have been viewing and covering conference football for more than 20 years.

The panel of selectors is published on page 54.

By **JOE McGUFF** *Kansas City Star*

IN THE BEGINNING it seemed like a dream assignment. The instructions were simple, the challenge exciting: Name 10 players who performed for Big Eight schools and whose collegiate eligibility expired at least 10 years ago as the first inductees into a Big Eight Hall of Fame.

In the end the assignment took on a nightmarish quality as the selectors became fully aware of how many great players would have to be omitted. Whatever injustices may have been perpetrated will be corrected in later years when new groups are inducted, but this knowledge did little to relieve the agonizing of the selection committee.

Perhaps the selectors can find some solace in the thought that the complexity of their task serves to establish the caliber of football talent that has passed through the conference schools. With that point in mind, we move bravely forward.

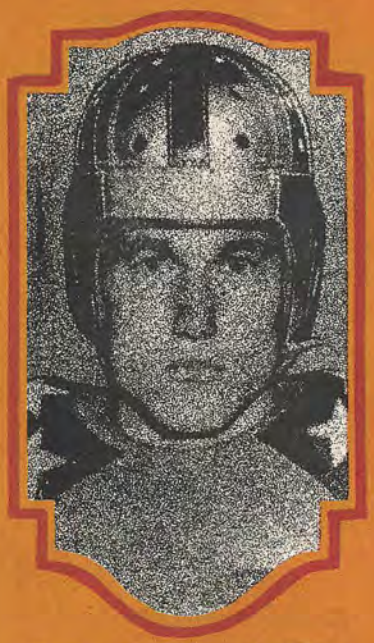
A review of the voting shows a consensus at the top, with the first and fourth-place finishers separated by only eight points. Leading the balloting was Byron White of Colorado. He was followed by Paul Christman of Missouri, Bob Fenimore of Oklahoma State and Billy Vessels of Oklahoma. As the saying goes, how about that for a backfield.

Well, the funny thing is that the next four finishers are also backs and they are equally as good as the first four. They are Gale Sayers of Kansas, Tommy McDonald of Oklahoma, Ray Evans of Kansas and Bob Reynolds of Nebraska.

The last two inductees are linemen—Ed Weir of Nebraska and Jim Weatherall of Oklahoma, both tackles.

As great as the first 10 inductees are, irate fans are certain to write to the editors demanding to know how "those nitwits on the selection committee" could leave off John Hadl or Joe Romig or Eddie Crowder or Buddy Burris or Guy Chamberlin. After all, Burris is a three-time All-American. Chamberlin is in the National Football Hall of Fame. And everyone knows about the ability of players such as Hadl, Romig and Crowder.

Well, as mentioned earlier, this merely shows what remarkable talent we have seen through the years in the Big Eight area.



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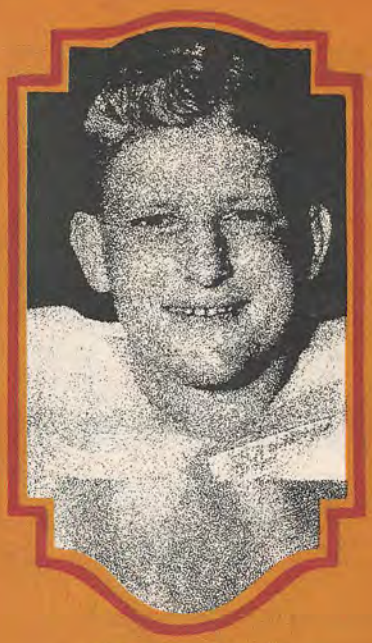

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Billy Vessels
OKLAHOMA

The most remarkable individual of all is Byron (Whizzer) White, not from the standpoint of athletic skill alone, but because he was able to combine athletic and intellectual ability to a degree perhaps never surpassed in the history of collegiate athletics.

White grew up in Wellington, Colorado, in the dreary years of the depression. He was too small to play football as a high school freshman. As he grew, his athletic skills kept pace, but he won a scholarship to Colorado not on the basis of his athletic ability, but because he was graduated first in his high school class. The taxpayers of Colorado have never made a better investment.

White won three varsity letters in football, three in baseball and four in basketball. His senior year he was the nation's leading ground gainer and leading scorer. He accounted for 13 touchdowns, 19 conversions and kicked the only field goal he attempted.

Colorado went unbeaten and untied that year and White was named an All-American. Colorado lost to Rice, 28-14, in the Cotton Bowl, but in the first 10 minutes White ran back an interception for a touchdown, threw a touchdown pass and kicked two extra points.

White's numerous athletic activities did not detract from his scholastic accomplishments. Again he was graduated first in his class, a habit that stayed with him wherever he went, including the Yale Law School. He earned his Phi Beta Kappa key his junior year. The climax was his selection as a Rhodes scholar. He attended Oxford from January to October in 1939 after taking time out to play for the Pittsburgh Steelers and lead the National Football League in rushing with a last-place team.

With World War II breaking out in Europe, White returned to the United States and played two seasons for the Detroit Lions. He again led the NFL in rushing in 1941. He attended Yale Law School in this period, left to enter military service in World War II and returned to graduate magna cum laude.

He served as deputy attorney general of the United States in 1961 and in 1962 was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Kennedy. He was 44, becoming the second youngest justice ever appointed.

A younger generation may remember Paul Christman principally as a perceptive, entertaining pro football TV commentator, but to an older generation he and Don Faurot were the saviors of football at Missouri.

Faurot replaced Frank Carideo, a one-time Notre Dame great, as head coach of the Tigers. In the preceding three seasons they had won only two games. Faurot did not achieve instant success, but in 1938, with Christman at quarterback, the Tigers gained national recognition.

Missouri was not Christman's first choice of schools. He enrolled at Purdue, but he was a football failure. "They mistook my shyness for fear," Christman said later, "and it was my fault. I couldn't make the 11th team at Purdue, so I went home to Maplewood (a suburb of St. Louis). Faurot came and got me. He knew I could throw the football."

And, oh, could Paul Christman throw. His soft, accurate passes were a receiver's delight. In his junior year he became Missouri's first All-American and he repeated in 1940. He threw for 1,087 yards in 1938, 774 in 1939 and 1,195 in 1940. He is still Missouri's total offense leader (4,151 yards). The Tigers had an 8-1 record in 1939 and became the first Missouri team to go to a bowl game.

From a recognition standpoint Christman's biggest game was against New York University his junior year. With Grantland Rice and other syndicated columnists watching, he ran for 54 yards, passed for 203, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as the Tigers won, 20-7.

Following World War II Christman became a star with the old Chicago Cardinals. He died of a heart attack in 1970.

The strong support accorded Fenimore in the Hall of Fame balloting may come as a surprise to some readers who might tend to view him as a wartime wonder. His entire collegiate career was played during the period of World War II, but anyone who saw his triple-threat versatility out of the single wing had to recognize that he would have been a superstar regardless of when he played.

Oklahoma State (then Oklahoma A & M) experienced its greatest period of football success in the Fenimore era, winning 21 consecutive games at one stage. The Aggies routed Texas Christian, 34-0, in the 1944 Cotton Bowl and

Ray Evans
KANSAS

Bobby Reynolds
NEBRASKA

Ed Weir
NEBRASKA

Gale Sayers
KANSAS

streaked past St. Mary's, 33-13, in the 1945 Sugar Bowl. Against St. Mary's Fenimore ran for 125 yards and two touchdowns, completed 11 passes for 76 yards, intercepted two passes and had a 53.2-yard punting average. Those figures, perhaps more dramatically than any others, illustrate just how versatile Fenimore was.

John Barnhill, a long-time coach at Tennessee and Arkansas, once said that Fenimore was "as fine a single wing tailback as I ever saw." The Chicago Bears made Fenimore their No. 1 draft choice, but he never fully recovered from knee injuries suffered his senior year.

As for the Aggies being a wartime team, it should be noted that players such as Neil Armstrong, Jim Parmer, Ralph Foster and Toy Ledbetter had solid careers in the NFL.

The first Heisman Trophy winner in the Big Eight was Billy Vessels. His coach, Bud Wilkinson, said Vessels was the first player he ever saw who was both the fastest and the toughest man on the field. Vessels also played defense in critical situations.

Vessels was a sophomore sensation. He rushed for 870 yards, threw three touchdown passes, caught 11 passes for 229 yards and scored 15 touchdowns. In his duel with Bobby Reynolds, who was also having a sensational sophomore year, Vessels scored three touchdowns, passed for a fourth and rushed 18 times for 208 yards. Reynolds also scored three touchdowns, but had only 82 yards rushing.

In his junior year Vessels suffered a knee injury and missed 80 per cent of the season, but he recovered completely in his senior year. Vessels had many big games that season, but his peak effort came in a 27-21 loss to Notre Dame. He scored the three Oklahoma touchdowns, two of them on runs of 62 and 44 yards. He gained 195 yards and had a rushing average of 11.4. Although his heroics kept OU in the game, he cost the Sooners a last chance to win when he fumbled on the Irish 20 late in the game. In the dressing room tears ran down his face.

Although Vessels received little national recognition for his sophomore achievements, he was a consensus All-American as a senior and was voted the Heisman Trophy, emblematic of the nation's finest football player. Not only could Vessels run, pass, catch and play defense, but he was a fine blocker.

In the opinion of many experts Gale Sayers of Kansas is the greatest ball-carrying halfback in the history of football. During his career at Kansas someone once complained that all Sayers could do was run the football. To which Don Pierce, the late KU publicist, responded, "Yea, and I suppose somebody once said that all Paderewski could do was play the piano."

Sayers had 9.7 speed, but what set him apart from other swift runners was his body balance and his incredible ability to change speed and direction. In the open field he was almost unstoppable. Sayers, who played high school football in Omaha, selected Kansas because he liked the coach, Jack Mitchell. Before long Mitchell and the KU football fans fell in love with Sayers. As Sayers was completing his senior season Don Klosterman, then with the Chiefs but now general manager of the Rams, declared, "The two best running backs in football at any level are Jim Brown and Gale Sayers. I'm not sure which one is No. 1."

Sayers was All-American in 1963 and 1964 and held five school records at one time. He had his greatest single rushing day as a sophomore, amassing 283 yards against Oklahoma State.

Following are the members of the panel who have selected the first 10 inductees for the Hall of Fame:

BOB BROEG, Sports Editor, St. Louis Post-Dispatch—Has been following Missouri football for more than 40 years and has covered the Tigers and the conference since the mid-1930's.

WALLY PROVOST, Columnist, Omaha World-Herald—Saw first conference game in 1932. Vice-president and historian for Nebraska Football Hall of Fame.

FRANK HARAWAY, Denver Post—Covered Denver U. and the old Skyline Conference before switching to the Big Eight. His 20th season of Big Eight coverage is coming up.

BILL CONNORS, Sports Editor, Tulsa World—Has been on the conference scene since the late 1940's. Widely recognized for his perceptive football writing.

VOLNEY MEECE, Columnist, Oklahoma City Times—Started covering conference football in 1951. One of two writers to have made all 12 Big Eight Skywriters trips. Meece is also the past president of the Football Writers' Association.

BUCK TURNBULL, Des Moines Register—Buck is the other writer who has made all 12 trips. He is a veteran observer of the conference.

BOB HENTZEN, Sports Editor, Topeka Capital—Started viewing conference football in the 1940's. Joined Oklahoma City Times in 1954 and moved to Topeka in 1958.

JOE McGUFF, Sports Editor, Kansas City Star—Joined Tulsa World in 1944, moved to the Star in 1948. Long-time observer of conference football, covered first conference game in 1950's.

Jim Weatherall
OKLAHOMA

Tommy McDonald
OKLAHOMA

Although his pro career was not a factor in his selection to the Big Eight Hall of Fame, Sayers's greatness cannot be fully appreciated without reciting some of his pro accomplishments.

He was All-NFL five times and three times led the league in rushing. He was named the most valuable player in the Pro Bowl three times and was named to the all-time, all-pro team.

Buddy Parker, a veteran NFL coach, once said, "I thought I coached the two greatest backfields of all time: Charley Trippi, Elmer Angsman and Pat Harder with the Cardinals and Doak Walker, Bob Hoernschemeyer and Harder with the Lions. But Sayers is the best backfield all by himself."

From the standpoint of size Tommy McDonald shouldn't have been playing football in the Big Eight. He stood 5-9 and weighed 169 on his heavy days. Not only was he a star at Oklahoma, but he played 11 years among the mammoths of the NFL and was the flanker who caught many of Norm Van Brocklin's passes when Philadelphia won the league championship in 1960.

At Oklahoma McDonald never played in a losing game, the Sooners having put together part of their record 47-game winning streak while he was there. McDonald was extremely versatile. He was a running back, threw the halfback option pass and ran out of the backfield to catch passes.

He was a dynamic individual and Wilkinson once observed that McDonald was one of those rare players who loved to practice and scrimmage as much as he did playing on Saturday. Despite his size he was rarely injured. He set records in sprinting to the huddle and was the inspiration for the hurry-up style of play the Sooners used in defeating Maryland in the 1956 Orange Bowl. McDonald was a 2-time All-American.

When George Sauer was coaching at Kansas he called Ray Evans the best all-around back he had seen, and even allowing for a degree of prejudice he had a powerful case. Evans could do everything on a football field and was as great defensively as he was offensively.

Evans played four seasons at Kansas because of wartime eligibility and also played two seasons with the 2nd Air Force Superbombers. As a sophomore he led the nation in passing in 1941. In 1947, his senior year, he was All-American. He was also an All-American basketball player in 1942 and 1943.

Grantland Rice expressed his feelings about Evans in a column he wrote before the East-West and bowl games in 1947. Rice wrote: "So who are the backs we now have lined up? Lujack, Wedemeyer, Minisi, Gilmer, Layne, Conerly, Walker. No so bad. Now we have another star crowding into the picture. His name is Ray Evans of Kansas. In my book Ray is the best all-round back of the year and that takes in all those I've mentioned above.

"Bernie Bierman once told me, 'Evans is the best back I saw around 1943 or 1944. Maybe Bruce Smith was as good.' Evans is a fast-moving 190-pounder who can run, pass, block, tackle and kick. A pretty fair judge of football talent, George Halas, thinks Evans is the best of them all."

Bobby Reynolds began his varsity athletic career at Nebraska by scoring all of the points in a 20-20 tie with Indiana. Three years later his varsity career ended when he suffered a broken leg in a baseball game with Kansas State. There was a degree of symbolism in the two events. Reynolds had a brilliant sophomore season, but thereafter struggled to overcome injuries.

He gained 1,342 yards as a sophomore and was an All-American. His junior year he played in six games and his senior year he was in only four. When he was healthy he was one of the greatest talents the conference has seen.

Reynolds scored 22 touchdowns and 127 points as a sophomore and only four of his touchdowns originated from inside the 10-yard line. His other scoring runs averaged 28.5 yards. Reynolds was also an accomplished receiver and had a 38.8 punting average.

Ironically, as an infant Reynolds did not walk until he was 13 months old and his parents were afraid there was something wrong with his coordination.

Ed Weir, a two-time All-American tackle for Nebraska in the mid-20's, is a member of the National Football Hall of Fame, as are Christman and Evans. Weir was born and grew up in Superior, Neb., and entered the university in 1922. He lettered three years in both track and football. He played all except 16 minutes as a sophomore and his junior year was captain of the team. He played professionally for three years with Philadelphia of the NFL.

Weir played some of his greatest games against Notre Dame and Knute Rockne called him, "the greatest tackle I've seen." In the 1925 Nebraska-Notre Dame game he punted on the first play from scrimmage and kicked the ball out on the Irish 4. Notre Dame ran two plays and punted. The ball was partially blocked and went out on the Irish 12. Two plays later Nebraska scored and the Huskers went on to win, 17-0.

Jim Weatherall weighed 215, small for a tackle by today's standards. He was a two-time All-American and his talents included place kicking, although as a kicker he is remembered for the conversion he missed. Against Texas A & M in 1950 the Sooners staged a 4th-quarter rally to apparently salvage a tie, but Weatherall missed the conversion. He sat on the sidelines and cried, but his teammates got the ball back a short time later at midfield and scored. The victory was the first in what was to be a 31-game winning streak.

Oklahoma has had many great linemen, but for total ability Weatherall ranks as the greatest.

Perhaps it is unfair to single out these 10 players above all the others, but when you're establishing a Hall of Fame you have to start somewhere.

HEISMAN RIVALS ARE LIKE TWINS

Archie Griffin, 1974 winner and seeking historic repeat, may be stronger runner but his chief challenger, Oklahoma's Joe Washington, is more elusive and wishbone showcases his versatility

By **BILL CONNORS** *Tulsa World*

ARCHIE GRIFFIN (45) against USC in the Rose Bowl

ARCHIE GRIFFIN IS 21, a senior, black, 5-9, 184 and durable, with unspectacular speed, amazing balance and a career average gain of 6.2 yards per carry on a team that disdains the pass. His coach calls him the greatest runner in Ohio State history and his sophomore brother (Ray) is the probable heir apparent.

Joe Washington is 21, a senior, black, 5-10, 180 and durable, with unspectacular speed, amazing moves and a career average gain of 6.4 yards per carry on a team that rarely passes. His coach calls him the greatest runner in Oklahoma history and his sophomore brother (Ken) is the starting quarterback and a prospective star at North Texas.

College football's most celebrated running backs could pass for twins, on paper. The only appreciable difference is that Griffin has won the Heisman Trophy and Washington hasn't.

Griffin became the fifth junior in 40 years to win the Heisman last year, when Washington placed third. (Southern California's graduated Anthony Davis was second.) Griffin will attempt in 1975 to become the first player to win the Heisman twice. Washington hopes to become Oklahoma's third, and the Big Eight Conference's fourth, Heisman winner.

Doc Blanchard, Doak Walker, Vic Janowicz and Roger Staubach, who won the Heisman as juniors, can sympathize with Griffin. As seniors, they were handicapped by injuries and dethroned; Blanchard and Walker by leading rivals of the preceding year. Staubach was a victim of both injuries and a disappointing team.

But playing on an elite team is not necessarily an advantage. Only one of the last 16 Heisman winners played on an unbeaten team; six of the last 14 played on teams that were not ranked in the (final) top 10, and none has come off a national championship team since Leon Hart of Notre Dame in 1949.

If in Dan Devine's first season Notre Dame discovers a candidate for the Heisman, Griffin and Washington will have more to worry about than each other. Apparently it is an advantage for a Heisman contender to be from Notre

Dame. The Irish lead with six Heisman winners, including Angelo Bertelli in 1943, when he was called into service after the sixth game, and Paul Hornung in 1956, when Notre Dame was 2-8 and Jim Brown was a contender.

Although the sponsoring Downtown New York Athletic Club's list of voters is immense and disorganized (Grantland Rice was on the mailing list 21 years after his death), the winner has almost always been a popular choice and the Heisman remains the most prestigious award in football.

Heisman competition, like Presidential primaries, has become more intense of late. Interest has risen accordingly. There is extraordinary interest this year among OU and Big Eight followers, who think the repeat jinx and Washington's edge in versatility give the Sooner halfback a reasonable chance to join alumni brothers Billy Vessels (1952) and Steve Owens (1969) and Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers (1972) on the mantle.

College coaches, familiar with both players, and professional scouts agree there is little to choose between Griffin and Washington. The consensus: Griffin, a schoolboy wrestler, is stronger and Washington is more elusive.

Griffin is a workhorse tailback in Ohio State's I-formation. He out-rushed Washington each of the last three seasons by the combined margin of 1,015 yards (4,139 to 3,124). Last year Griffin out-rushed Washington 1,695 to 1,321. Until Southern California limited Griffin to 75 yards in the last Rose Bowl he had not been held to less than 100 yards since he was a freshman.

Washington surpassed 100 yards in 16 of his last 22 games and out-scored Griffin 31 touchdowns to 22 in three years, and 14-12 last year.

A case might be made for Washington on the grounds that Oklahoma's wishbone allows him to exploit all-purpose skills. Washington is the best blocker of Oklahoma's backs. Griffin is rarely required to block. Washington passed 40 yards for OU's first touchdown against Texas when he was a sophomore. Griffin never passes. Washington has caught more passes than Griffin. Washington played split end briefly as a freshman and that is where he may play as a pro.

Washington has returned kicks for 1,113 yards and his most breathtaking plays have been punt returns. Griffin does not return punts and returned only four kickoffs last year.

However, Griffin could excel in all of these phases if given the opportunity, neutral experts contend. Woody Hayes pointed out Ohio State averaged nine yards last year with a wingback reverse, on which Griffin is the lead blocker. "Archie can block," Hayes assured.

Colorado coach Bill Mallory, former Ohio State assistant, said, "Archie is a great athlete and is capable of doing whatever is asked of him. He blocks pretty well. Comparing him with Washington is hard, because they are an awful lot alike. Both are great backs.

"The only difference I can see is that Griffin is a little more powerful and Washington is a little quicker. Washington has the quickest feet I've ever seen. You have to see Washington's lateral moves to believe them. But Griffin is also elusive and Washington is also strong."

When he was at Oklahoma State, Dave Smith coached against Washington and has since viewed considerable film of the Port Arthur, Tex., native. Smith's 1974 Southern Methodist team played commendably against Griffin.

Being a wishbone disciple, Smith admitted, "I am prejudiced in thinking Oklahoma's offense allows Washington to do more things. But comparing abilities is very difficult. Both are excellent players.

"They are both very tough. They take a lot of punishment, but it does not seem to affect them. Griffin is a more explosive runner inside and he has amazing balance. We had eight people hit him on a touchdown run, but he stayed on his feet. Washington has more lateral speed. He jumps through a crack like a ghost. He makes some phenomenal plays that you can't explain. Ohio State depends more on Griffin than Oklahoma does Washington and would be hurt more if he were injured. That's the difference in the 'I' and wishbone."

Ironically, each team's formation philosophy is tantamount to a ringing endorsement for the other team's star. Oklahoma junked the I-formation because of a belief it precluded long runs by the tailback and handicapped small backs like Greg Pruitt and Washington. Switzer does not think "we would have enjoyed the success we've had if we had not used the wishbone. Backs like Joe Washington couldn't do these things in the 'I' formation."

Yet, Griffin is an I-formation tailback who consistently makes long runs. Hayes uses the I-formation whenever he has a great runner, because he thinks "it is the ideal offense for a runner like Archie. We can give him the ball a lot more than we could in the wishbone. It's harder for a great back to have a great record in the wishbone."

Carrying 35 times a game is a punishing experience for Griffin and he rarely practices before Wednesday or Thursday. "But he's always ready on Saturday," Hayes said. Washington also takes a pounding and played without complaint, or affect, on a sprained ankle in the opening month of 1973.

Washington's legs are deceptively big. Griffin has the upper body of a linebacker. But his legs are also stronger than Washington's, according to Gil Brandt, vice president and director of player personnel for the Dallas Cowboys.

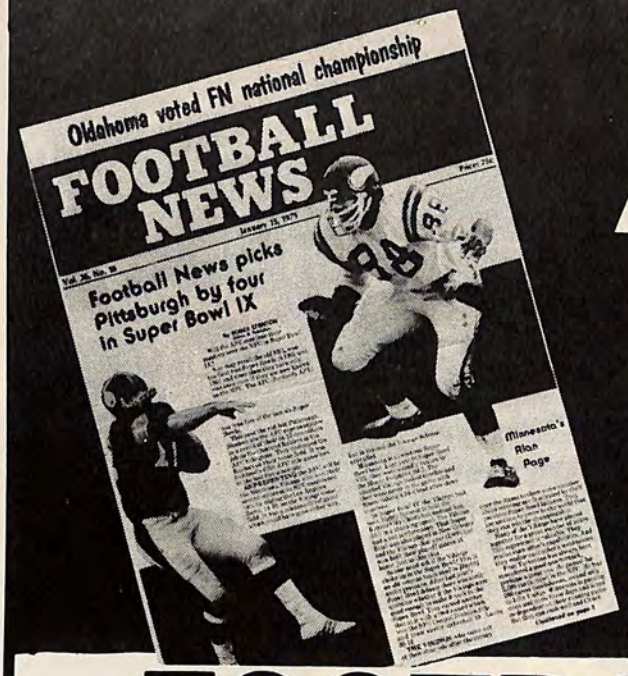
"Griffin is a better inside runner and a more explosive runner," Brandt said. "Washington is more impressive running outside and returning punts, because of his elusiveness. Washington does more things. But Griffin could do more things if he had to. Washington has better hands. The way he handles a bad pitchout and catches passes makes me think of him as a (pro) flanker."

Brandt wishes he knew which one was faster. No one knows. Ohio State admits Griffin is "no sprinter." Pro scouts have not been allowed to see him timed. Oklahoma has never timed Washington, in acquiescence to his wishes. Washington and Switzer would just as soon rivals continue to overestimate Washington's speed.

"Some coaches think Joe is a jet," Switzer said. "He isn't. But he makes moves that make people think he must be super fast. I have always felt that when Joe has the football in the open field the only guy who will tackle him is someone he can't see chasing him from behind. The guy might out-run Joe. But the guy in front of Joe won't have a chance if Joe sees him and puts his zoo-zoos on him."

Brandt guesses Washington and Griffin are "about the same speed, probably 4.6 or 4.65 (in the 40) which is pretty good."

Switzer suspects Brandt is correct, but insists, "at this point I don't care about Joe Washington's speed. He has shown me that he's fast enough."



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ALL BIG EIGHT

According to the writers, Joe Washington of Oklahoma will be the Offensive Player-of-the-Year in 1975 and teammate LeRoy Selmon will be the premier Defensive Player. Elvis Peacock of the Sooners narrowly edged out Monte Anthony of Nebraska for the Top Sophomore.

By WALT JAYROE *Daily Oklahoman*

MAYBE ON THE GAMING TABLES of Las Vegas or up some black, back Detroit alleyway do you expect to get cleaned so thoroughly. Surely not, you say, by a sports writers' poll.

But boxcars and snake-eyes they came for all but Oklahoma, leaving the Sooners the most one-sided winners yet in the Big Eight Magazine's fourth annual all-conference listings.

It takes more this year than Visine to get the Red out, so clearly do the Sooners dominate the 1975 poll, hauling in 10 of the 24 first-team selections. The closest teams were Oklahoma State with four choices and Nebraska with three.

Not only did the potent Sooners mop up in the "all" category, but they also did as well in the "only" category. Halfback of derring-do, Joe Washington, was selected the top offensive player for the second year in a row; LeRoy Selmon, who will be a strong candidate in the Outland Trophy race, was the top defensive player; and in a close, close vote, halfback Elvis Peacock was voted the top sophomore over Nebraska running back Monte Anthony.

The four unanimous picks were, of course, from Soonerland. Washington, quarterback Steve Davis and the Selmons, LeRoy and Dewey, won the hearts of all 18 participating writers. Kurt Knoff, defensive back from Kansas, was a near miss with 17 votes.

Although Washington was a unanimous selection as a member of the backfield, he was a vote shy of taking all the offensive player votes.

Other extremely popular choices were offensive guard Terry Webb of Oklahoma, 16 votes, and defensive ends Bob Martin of Nebraska and Jimbo Elrod of OU with 15 votes apiece.

For all of the Sooners' greediness, all eight schools landed at least one player on the first team. That didn't happen in 1973 when Kansas and Kansas State were shut out.

The '75 edition is loaded with A-1 running backs. Washington and Laverne Smith of Kansas both cracked the 1,000-yard barrier in '74 and the other back, Tony Galbreath of Missouri, could have with a faster start.

Even Davis, the quarterback who has yielded to Dave Humm of Nebraska the last two years, is a strong runner.

Pens one voter: "Offensive backfield could be the best in the league's history." And it could be, although one is hesitant on past performance to pick it above the all-star backfield of OU's Jack Mildren and Greg Pruitt, Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers and Colorado's Charlie Davis.

Perhaps, as some say, the conference's centers represent the strongest position, much as the 1972 tight ends did with J.V. Cain of Colorado, Keith Krepfle of Iowa State, John Schroll of Kansas, Henry Childs of Kansas State, Reuben Gant of Oklahoma State and Albert Chandler of Oklahoma.

Of the current centers, certainly Rik Bonness is the most publicized and deservingly. He made his reputation early off the likes of Lucious Selmon and Big Daddy Hunt and has thrived since.

But OSU is very high on its pivot, Gary Chlouber, the second team selection, and Missouri's Mike Owens, Colorado's Pete Brock and Kansas' John Morgan are all standouts. Says one writer, "(Brock) is easily the best of a very good crop of Colorado offensive linemen," noting that two first team selections came from that Buff line.

There are also low spots on the unit. One appears to be at linebacker where there is a dearth of proven performers. Brent Robinson of OSU and Carl Pennington of Kansas State were landslide winners. However, it is interesting to note that two other Kansas Staters—Gary Spani and Theopilis Bryant, switched to nose guard—also received votes at the position.

"Where have all the linebackers gone?" asks a writer. Well, one might point a similar question toward the tight ends. Don Hasselbeck of Colorado was the first team choice, but another, Larry Mushinskie of Nebraska, showed how wide open the race was. He lost the balloting by one vote.

It's no great surprise that Oklahoma is the leading poll recipient. It returns a veteran team from a No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press poll last fall. The Sooners have had the most selections each of the previous years, too, but by much narrower margins.

In 1972, the Sooners edged Nebraska in first team players, six to five, then by seven to five the next two years.

A writers' poll is a change from last year when the coaches were polled. The change is due largely to the fact that new coaches at both Kansas State and Kansas have erased one fourth the voting power.

Oh, the coaches were polled again. There were a few differences. For instance, Luther Blue of Iowa State was the coaches' choice over Tinker Owens of OU at split end. The super ability at the position led one voter to remark: "I'd like to play with two wide receivers."

The coaches also favored OSU's Abby Daigle over Oklahoma's Tony DiRienzo as a place kicker, Nebraska's Ron Pruitt over OSU's Phillip Dokes at defensive tackle, Nebraska's Jim Burrow over OU's Zac Henderson and Kansas' Nolan Cromwell over Ken Downing of Missouri at defensive back. Otherwise, coaches and writers agreed.

The special honors went the same, too, except that Dewey tied LeRoy for the defensive player honor and Peacock and Anthony tied also.

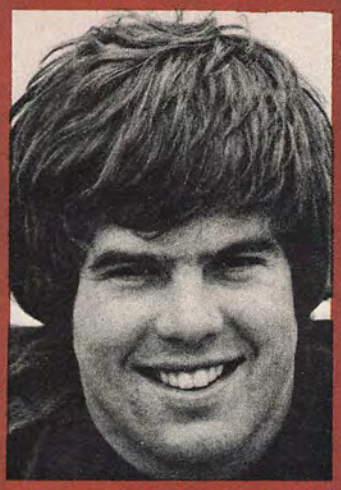
The scene is set, so to speak. It's up to the players now. They know better than anyone that things don't always work out as they do on paper.

***LeROY SEMON** ranks as one of the premier linemen in America and will probably be honored with the Outland Trophy by season's end.*

Pre-Season

Writers' ALL BIG EIGHT *Offensive Team*

QUARTERBACK



STEVE DAVIS, Oklahoma (5-10, 190, sr.) Sooners have never lost with him at quarterback (21-0-1). Excellent speed, 4.5 in the 40, makes him breakaway threat off wishbone option series. He rushed for 1,546 yards in two seasons and scored 27 TDs. Durable and strong, much like Jack Mildren. Also effective passer. Threw for 11 TDs a year ago and ran for nine more. Licensed Baptist preacher who pilots planes to speaking engagements.

TACKLE

MARK KONCAR, Colorado (6-5, 26, sr.) Nicknamed "Claw." Started'73 opener against LSU (he was lined up against Steve Cassidy). Was CU's No. 3 tackle most of soph year behind Greg Horton and Wayne Mattingly both now in pro ranks. He started all 11 games last fall. Great upper body strength. Occasional rodeo performer in summers (bull-dogging). Played baseball for CU this spring (first base) and hit .350. Had best '74 game at Oklahoma State (against good OSU tackles). Perhaps best pass blocker in CU line.

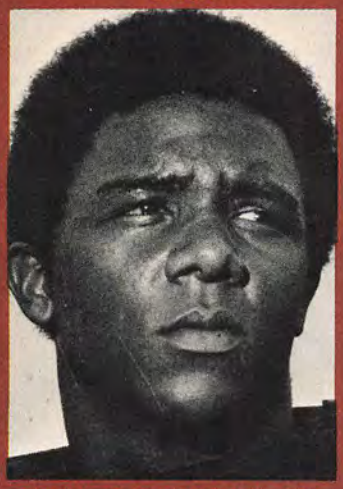
GUARD

BOB BOS, Iowa State (6-6, 255, sr.) Two-year regular and former Sophomore All-America selection. Coaches describe him as "heady" player who is seen best in an I-State line that is both large and experienced. Versatile in that he has played both guard and tackle. Cyclone line coach Tom Baccus speaks highly of the Wisconsin native: "A can't-miss NFL player. Better than Dave Foley." Baccus coached Foley, a standout for the Buffalo Bills, at Ohio State.

Second Team

TE	**LARRY MUSHINSKIE,** (6-3, 216), Nebraska
T	**DERREL GOFOURTH,** (6-2, 228), Oklahoma State
G	**LEON WHITE,** (6-2, 259), Colorado
C	**GARY CHLOUBER,** (6-2, 223), Oklahoma State
G	**FLOYD DORSEY,** (6-4, 232), Kansas State
T	**D.W.JOHNSTON,** (6-4, 240), Missouri
SE	**LUTHER BLUE,** (6-0, 187), Iowa State
QB	**STEVE PISARKIEWICZ,** (6-3, 205), Missouri
RB	**TONY DAVIS,** (5-11, 214), Nebraska
RB	**MONTE ANTHONY,** (6-2, 207), Nebraska
RB	**DAVID LOGAN,** (6-5, 219), Colorado
RB	**TERRY KUNZ,** (6-2, 215), Colorado

BACK



TONY GALBREATH, Missouri (6-1, 225, sr.) Definite All-America prospect. He bloomed in mid-season after switch from fullback to tailback. Rushed for 870 yards, scored 8 TDs and was team's No. 2 receiver. Fine speed for size. Twice chosen league's back of the week in '74. Consensus All-Big 8 as conference's No. 3 rusher. Says coach Al Onofrio: "He's a power runner who can go the distance, plus he can throw and catch."

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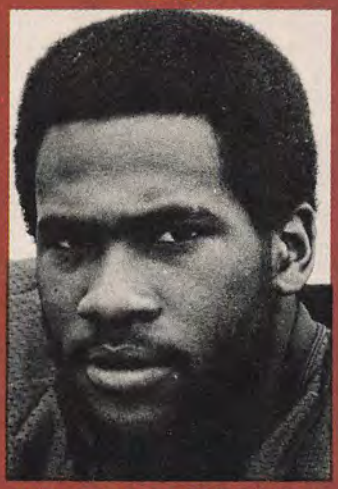

JOE WASHINGTON, Oklahoma (5-10, 178, sr.) Consensus All-American who wound up third in the '74 Heisman balloting. Long-distance threat—even when cornered. Has chance to break Steve Owens' career rushing record at OU. Nationally, finished No. 8 in rushing (1,321) and No. 7 in punt returns (13.8 yard average). Unstoppable by one man in open field. Has 6.4 rushing average. "Joe Washington is the greatest halfback in the country," coach Barry Switzer says.

BACK

LAVERNE SMITH, Kansas (6-0, 190, jr.) Toppled school single season rushing record of John Riggins by collecting 1,181 yards as a soph. First team All-Big 8 in '74. Averaged 6.7 yards a try and 107.4 a game, second only to OU's Joe Washington. Consistent. Rushed over 100 in seven games. Great speed. Touted 4.4 sprinter in 40 and has great acceleration. Preseason all-sophomore pick. Chief breakaway threat in Jayhawks' new wishbone.

SPLIT END

TINKER OWENS, Oklahoma (5-11, 168, sr.) Raymond Berry-type receiver: small, but quick, with great concentration and runs great routes. "He dropped only 1 pass all season I thought he had a chance to catch," says OU assistant Don Duncan. Three-year starter who made all-Big 8 last year and NEA All-America. Caught 18 passes for 413 yards. Scored 5 TDs. Clutch player. Some believe he has better pro career ahead than brother Steve, now of the Detroit Lions.

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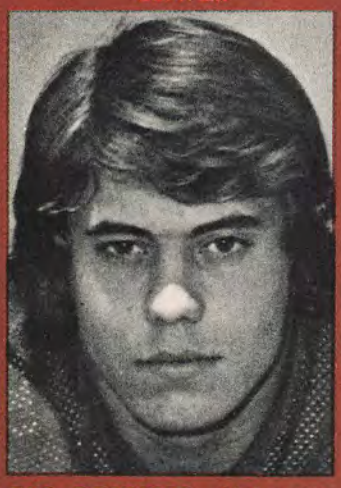
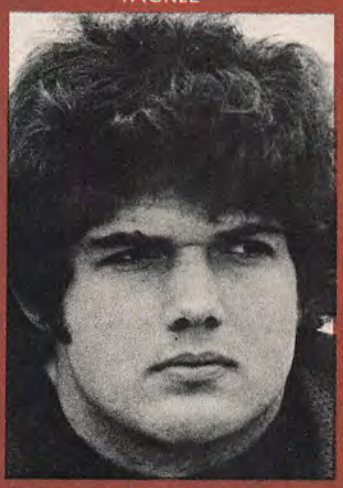


RIK BONNESS, Nebraska (6-4, 223, sr.) All-America first team as a junior and preseason pick this summer. Quick, agile and strong. Played last year at 211 lbs., but reached 225 this summer. Has bench-pressed 315 lbs. and once voted Weightlifter of Year by teammates. Hampered some last year by broken hand, but played well against Oklahoma 2 weeks after surgery. Prime pro prospect. Coach Tom Osborne says: "He's the best we've ever had."

GUARD

TERRY WEBB, Oklahoma (6-0, 241, sr.) Leading vote-getter among offensive linemen. The most talented of a talented Sooner forward wall. Has been quickest and most consistent lineman for OU the last 2 years. Deceptive due to tank-like build. Started since first game of sophomore campaign. "He has more ability than any lineman we've had at Oklahoma," says Sooner aide Gene Hochevar. All-Big 8 last year and former all-soph preseason choice.

TACKLE



MIKE VAUGHAN, Oklahoma (6-6, 290, jr.) Tough, consistent blocker who uses size well. Spent a redshirt season two years ago developing against the Selmons—Lucious, LeRoy and Dewey. "You either learn quick playing against the Selmons or you don't stay alive," Vaughan says. Enjoyed fine '74 season after struggling for starting position early in the campaign. Older brother plays for Tulsa U.

TIGHT END

DON HASSELBECK, Colorado (6-7, 231, jr.) An obviously excellent pass target for short yardage touchdowns, much as predecessor J.V. Cain. Caught 10 passes a year ago for 120 yards. Good blocker. Made conference's all-sophomore team a year ago in preseason. All-America high school selection from Cincinnati, Ohio. Potential sky-high. Good agility—in fact he was highly-recruited basketball player. Regular last season and started one game as a freshman.

Pre-Season

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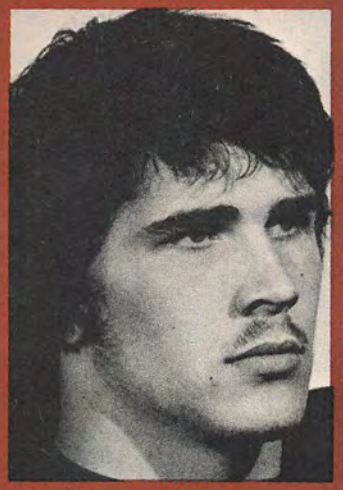

JIMBO ELROD, Oklahoma (6-1, 197, sr.) Big play man for Sooners. Blossomed last year as a junior to make All-Big 8. Did not practice in spring due to injury. While he was No. 3 tackler among linemen, he was second only to LeRoy Selmon in sacks (15 for 84 yards in losses) and led team in fumble recoveries with three. Was credited with 83 tackles. Also a standout wrestler who has seen varsity competition with the Sooners.

Second Team

E **BOB McROBERTS,** (6-1, 210), Missouri

T **MIKE STENSRUD,** (6-5, 265), Iowa State

T **RON PRUITT,** (6-3, 244), Nebraska

T **MIKE FULTZ,** (6-5, 254), Nebraska

E **TROY ARCHER,** (6-4, 241), Colorado

LB **GARY SPANI,** (6-3, 215), Kansas State

LB **TOM HODGE,** (6-2, 214), Missouri

B **MIKE McCOY,** (5-11, 178), Colorado

B **NOLAN CROMWELL,** (6-2, 190), Kansas

B **SIDNEY BROWN,** (6-0, 195), Oklahoma

B **JIM BURROW,** (5-11, 165), Nebraska

LINEBACKER

BRENT ROBINSON, Oklahoma State (6-0, 204, sr.) Texan was near ball so much he was dubbed "Radar." Led team in tackles (120) and is good pass defender. Only one other teammate had more pass break-ups (7). He reads plays well and is said to have excellent lateral movement. Captains the defense, calling alignments. Had solid '74 season, his first as a regular. Says coach Jim Stanley: "He's the most underrated player in the league."

LINEBACKER

CARL PENNINGTON, Kansas State (6-0, 225, jr.) Excellent quickness and jarring tackler with strength. No wonder he's started since his freshman year. Top vote-getter among all-conference linebackers. Came up with some key defensive plays in Wildcats' 33-19 victory over Colorado in '74. Credited with 68 tackles in '74, six of those for losses. Combines with sophomore Ken Spani to give Cats a fine 1-2 punch at linebacker. Former prep standout at Forsyth, Ga.

TACKLE

LeROY SELMON, Oklahoma (6-2, 259, sr.) Most talented of the three Selmon brothers. All-American with chances for special honors this year. Excellent speed (4.8 in the 40) with great agility (can dunk a basketball). Sacked 18 enemy ball carriers for 71 yards in losses last season and was No. 2 team tackler. Made 125 stops while spending much time on bench in runaway games. "Could become the greatest tackle ever to play at Oklahoma," say the Sooners.

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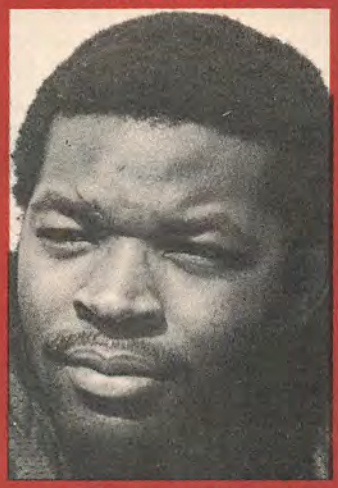

DEWEY SELMON, Oklahoma (6-1, 248, sr.) Consensus All-Big 8 who made switch from tackle to middle guard after the first game. Made one All-America team. Finished second in tackles among linemen. Of his 104, 8 were for losses totalling 37 yards. Has reputation as the "meanest" of the Selmons, but says: "I'd like to be known as a nice guy." High point may have been against Texas with 22 tackles.

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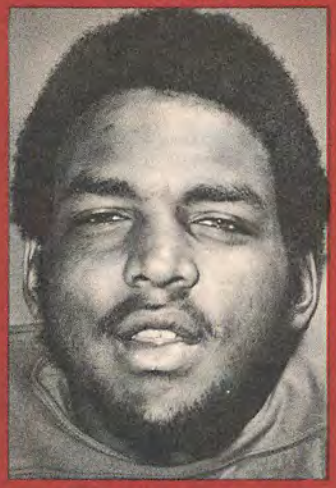

PHILLIP DOKES, Oklahoma State (6-5, 256, jr.) All-Big 8 as a sophomore. "Outstanding defensive player" in '74 Fiesta Bowl. In on 85 tackles plus four sacks. Recovered an amazing seven fumbles. Football-basketball all-stater from Little Rock, Ark., and state's "athlete of year." Says one college scout: "He is just beginning to learn how to hit with his shoulder pads. I hate to think of playing against him the next two years."

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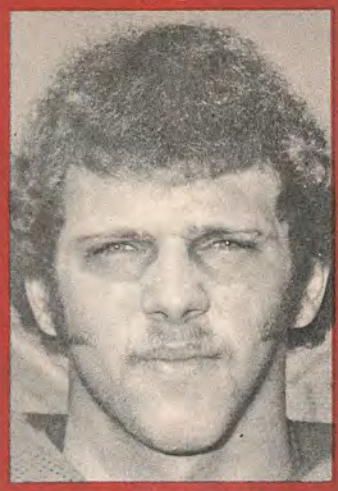
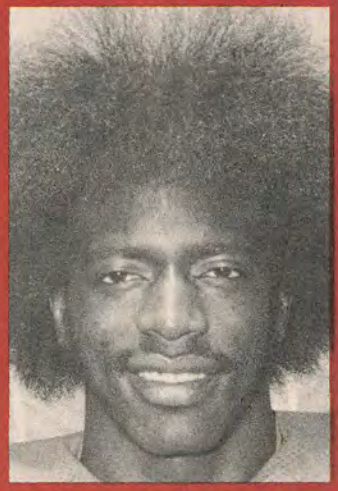


BOB MARTIN, Nebraska (6-1, 208, sr.) Unanimous All-Big 8 choice last year. A three-year starter on line that could be conference's best. Has great quickness, making him equally effective as pass rusher and on pass coverage. Made 53 tackles last year, including 5 behind line for 20 yards in losses. Former high school athlete of the year in Nebraska. "We think Bob Martin is one of the best defensive ends in the country," coach Osborne says.

CORNERBACK

KEN DOWNING, Missouri (5-11, 180, sr.) Two-year starter, pacing secondary in tackling both seasons. Had 92 last year from cornerback position. Stocky, but fast enough to be used as kickoff and punt return man. Also strong and durable. Has started every game despite aggressive play. "Pound for pound," point out the Tigers, "he punishes ball carriers as ruggedly as anyone on the squad." Also considered top pass defender.

CORNERBACK

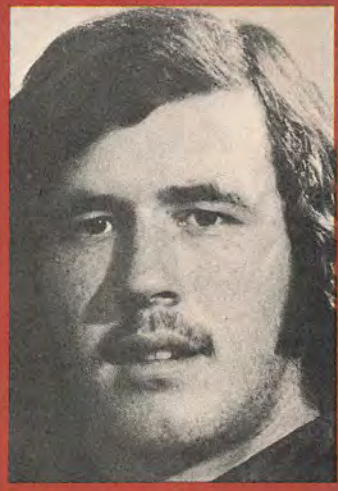


WONDER MONDS, Nebraska (6-5, 204, sr.) Second team All-Big 8 last season as a junior. Fine speed. Has been listed as a 4.4 performer in the 40, a very swift clocking for someone playing monster position. Also a tough tackler who logged 31 last year. Led Husker backs in sacks with 3 for 17 yards in losses. Juco transfer who has started two years. Coach Tom Osborne not bashful in praise: "He could be the best defensive back in the country."

SAFETY

KURT KNOFF, Kansas (6-3, 200, sr.) Jayhawks' best bet for All-America honors and key to team's strongest area, the secondary. Two-time All-Big 8 and '74 honorable mention All-America. Also a three-year starter. Although opposition didn't like coming his way, he was team's No. 2 tackler with 68. Tied for team lead in pass break-ups (3). "As good as (Dave) Elmendorf who started for L.A. Rams every year he's been in NFL," says Jayhawk aide Lance Van Zandt.

SAFETY



ZAC HENDERSON, Oklahoma (6-1, 180, soph.) An unheralded recruit who defied odds by winning a starting berth in secondary as a freshman. From free safety spot was next to Randy Hughes in pass breakups with six. Also got two interceptions. Tied for second in tackling among Sooner secondary. Has a sprinter's speed—9.7 in the 100. Made first start third game against Utah State. Dad is former player at Texas Tech; mother was homecoming queen at Baylor.

1974 BIG EIGHT STATISTICS

Team

TOTAL OFFENSE

TEAM	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Pts.	Avg.
Oklahoma	896	5585	507.7	473	43.0
Nebraska	815	4532	412.0	360	32.7
Colorado	822	3699	336.3	226	20.5
Kansas	705	3596	326.9	157	14.3
Oklahoma State	751	3202	291.1	246	22.4
Iowa State	785	3190	290.0	186	16.9
Missouri	720	3170	288.2	204	18.5
Kansas State	814	3154	286.7	193	17.5

RUSHING OFFENSE

TEAM	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Oklahoma	813	4827	438.8
Nebraska	606	2858	259.8
Colorado	621	2441	221.9
Oklahoma State	633	2378	216.2
Kansas	507	2310	210.0
Missouri	511	2030	184.5
Iowa State	607	2016	183.3
Kansas State	581	1918	174.4

PASSING OFFENSE

TEAM	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.
Nebraska	119	209	11	.569	1674	152.2
Kansas	86	.198	18	.434	1286	116.9
Colorado	97	201	13	.483	1258	114.4
K-State	102	233	9	.438	1236	112.4
I-State	79	178	16	.444	1174	106.7
Missouri	98	209	13	.469	1140	103.6
O-State	46	118	6	.390	824	74.9
Oklahoma	33	83	9	.398	758	68.9

TOTAL DEFENSE

TEAM	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Pts.	Avg.
Oklahoma	745	2547	231.5	92	8.4
O-State	736	2780	252.7	177	16.1
Nebraska	720	2898	263.5	122	11.1
I-State	713	3352	304.7	198	18.0
Kansas	850	3467	315.2	247	22.5
Missouri	833	3587	326.1	217	19.7
K-State	795	3882	352.9	283	25.7
Colorado	752	4049	368.1	307	27.9

RUSHING DEFENSE

TEAM	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Oklahoma	536	1441	131.0
Nebraska	549	1816	165.1
Oklahoma State	541	1830	166.4
Iowa State	510	2034	184.9
Kansas	655	2324	211.3
Missouri	649	2348	213.5
Kansas State	606	2418	219.8
Colorado	568	2764	251.3

PASSING DEFENSE

TEAM	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.
O-State	76	195	16	.390	950	86.4
Nebraska	74	171	15	.433	1082	98.4
Oklahoma	90	209	22	.431	1106	100.5
Kansas	101	195	9	.518	1143	103.9
Missouri	91	184	12	.495	1239	112.6
Colorado	87	184	13	.473	1285	116.8
I-State	96	203	15	.473	1318	119.8
K-State	104	189	10	.550	1464	133.1

Individual

LEADING RUSHERS

Player, School	Att.	Net	Play Avg.	Game Avg.
Washington, OU	194	1321	6.8	120.1
L. Smith, KU	176	1181	6.7	107.4
Galbreath, MU	197	70	4.4	79.1
Littrell, OU	124	827	6.8	76.1
R. Miller, KU	144	712	4.9	71.2
Waddy, CU	157	765	4.9	69.5
Kunz, CU	152	693	4.6	69.3
S. Davis, OU	165	659	4.0	59.9
Strachan, ISU	189	647	3.4	58.8
O'Leary, NU	100	499	5.0	55.4
Anthony, NU	109	587	5.4	53.4
T. Davis, NU	106	526	5.0	47.8
Williams, ISU	98	464	4.7	46.4

LEADING PASSERS

Player, School	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.
Humm, NU	175	104	8	.594	1435
McMichael, KU	156	74	13	.474	1044
Williams, CU	139	73	9	.525	899
Stanley, IS	121	58	12	.479	842
Grogan, KS	144	67	6	.465	834
Pisarkiewicz, MU	156	70	8	.449	828
Davis, OU	63	26	4	.413	601

LEADING RECEIVERS

Player, School	Caught	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
M. Miller, MU	38	522	5	13.7
Westbrook, NU	33	508	7	15.4
Edwards, KU	30	542	3	18.1
Blue, ISU	26	450	4	17.3
Tultle, KSU	24	356	1	14.8
Logan, CU	21	273	0	13.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player, School	Total Att.	Total Yds.	Game Avg.
Humm, NU	221	1556	141.5
Washington, OU	197	1321	120.1
S. Davis, OU	228	1260	114.5
L. Smith, KU	176	1181	107.4
McMichael, KU	228	1134	103.1
D. Williams, CU	223	1089	99.0
Grogan, KSU	261	1048	95.3
Pisarkiewicz, MU	187	805	89.4
Stanley, ISU	206	961	87.4
Galbreath, MU	202	955	86.8

PUNTING

Player, School	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Parsley, OSU	66	2730.7	41.4
Spare, KSU	62	2562	41.3
Bradley, ISU	65	2601	40.0
Goble, MU	77	3029	39.3
Koleski, CU	59	2257	38.3
Swift, KU	58	2209	38.1
Lessman, NU	40	1520	38.0

PUNT RETURNS

Player, School	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Washington, OU	24	332	1	13.8
Hankins, OSU	23	309	1	13.4
Gillick, MU	12	160	1	13.3
Burrown, NU	27	265	1	9.8
Perry, CU	12	106	0	8.8
Bolks, ISU	30	169	0	5.6

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player, School	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Blue, ISU	12	393	1	32.8
McCoy, CU	15	350	0	23.3
Stewart, MU	26	498	0	19.2
Westbrook, NU	14	259	0	18.5

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Player, School	No.	Yds.	TDs
Hill, ISU	9	90	0
Shephard, OSU	5	89	1
Hughes, OU	5	32	1
Osborn, KSU	4	62	1
Pierson, OSU	4	61	0
Burrow, NU	4	20	0
Brown, OU	4	12	0

SCORING

Player, School	Games	TDs	PAT	FGs	Points
Washington, OU	11	14	0	0	84
Westbrook, NU	11	10	0	0	60
Goedjen, ISU	11	0	18	14	60
Kunz, CU	10	9	0	0	54
DiRienzo, OU	11	0	39	6	57
Coyle, NU	11	0	40	5	55
Daigle, OSU	11	0	24	10	54
S. Davis, OU	11	9	0	0	54
Burget, OU	11	8	2	0	50
Galbreath, MU	11	8	0	0	48
O'Leary, NU	9	6	0	0	36

At the Finish Line

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
Oklahoma	7	0	0	294	65
Missouri	5	2	0	147	127
Nebraska	5	2	0	176	87
O-State	4	3	0	134	125
Colorado	3	4	0	160	186
I-State	2	5	0	94	133
K-State	1	6	0	91	241
Kansas	1	6	0	72	204

ALL GAMES

W	L	T	Pts.	Opp. Pts.
11	0	0	473	92
7	4	0	204	217
8	3	0	360	122
6	5	0	246	177
5	6	0	226	307
4	7	0	186	198
4	7	0	193	283
4	7	0	157	247

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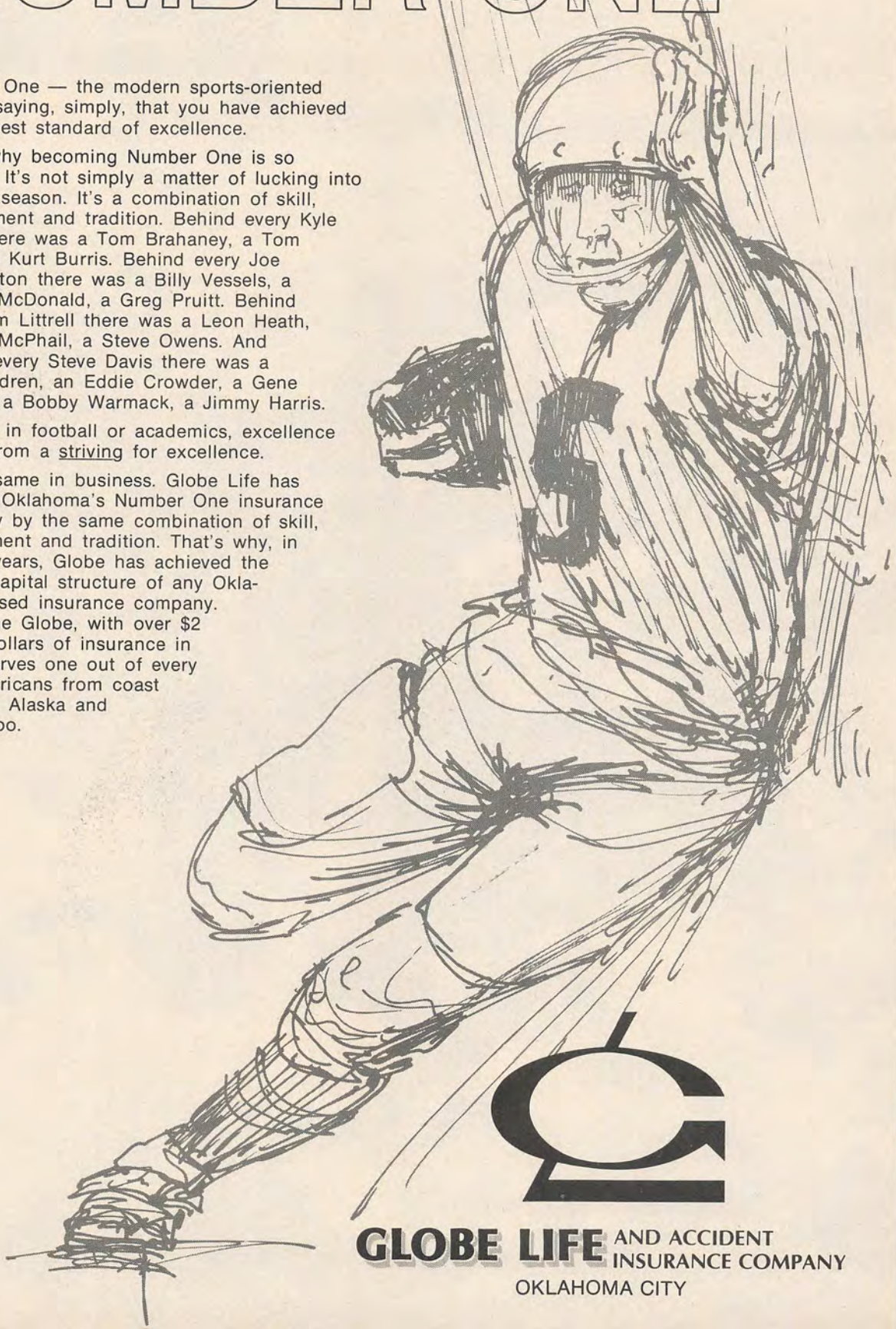

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As a redshirt in '72, he was merely a face in the vast congregation of OU quarterbacks. But when God's improbable hero finally took the pulpit, Sooner opponents dropped to their knees

THE UNHOLY TERROR OF REV. DAVIS' REVIVAL

By **BILL CONNORS**, *Tulsa World*

THE POSSIBILITY of being a 33-0-1 quarterback makes Steve Davis' eyes dance with excitement. Such an accomplishment would assure the handsome extrovert an exclusive place in Oklahoma's football history and possibly merit attention in the national annals of college heavyweights.

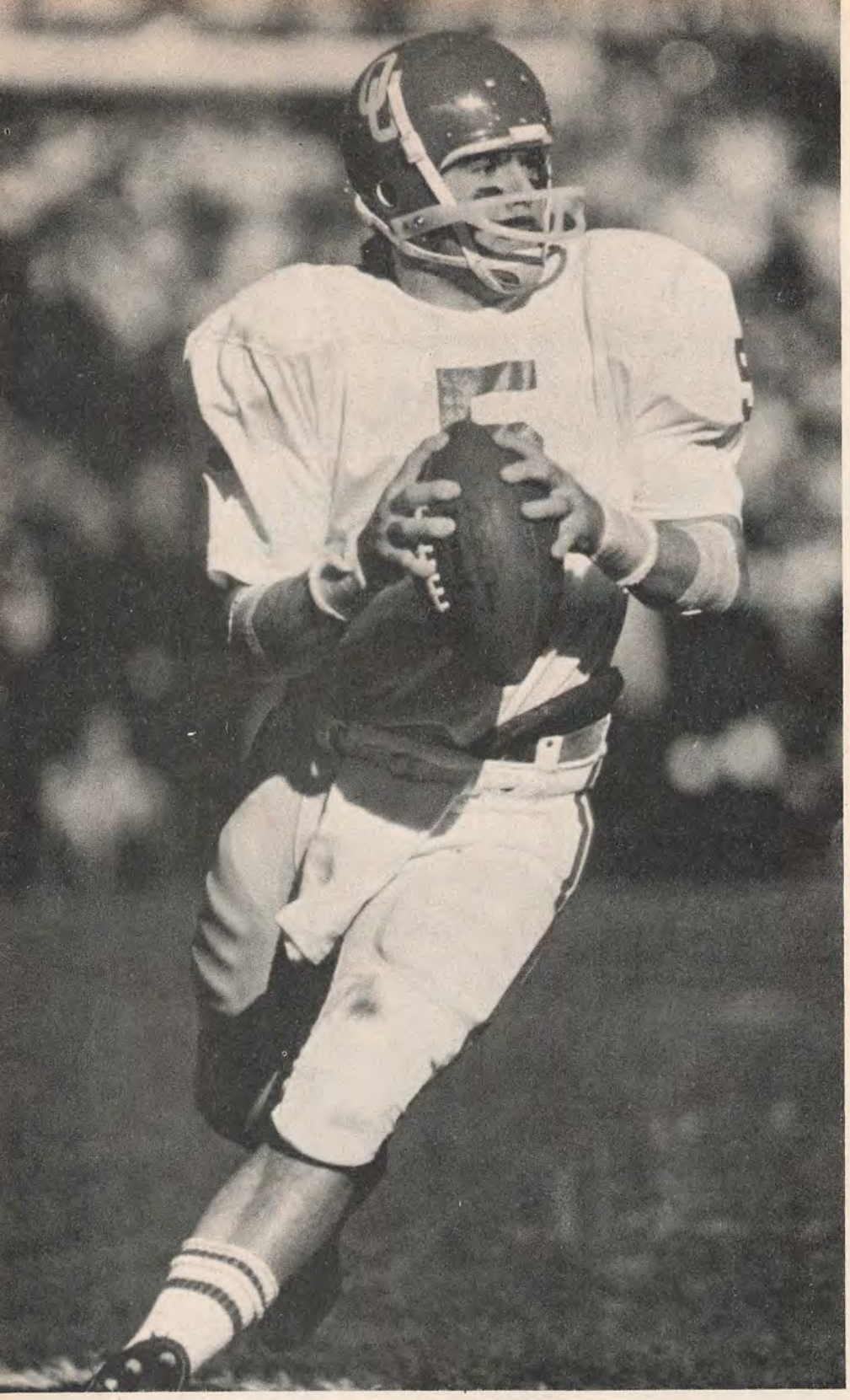
"It gives me goose bumps thinking about it," said Davis, who guided the Sooners to 21-0-1 in two years and has visions of completing his career next New Year's night in the Orange Bowl with OU's first-ever 12-0 team.

If Davis should wind up unbeaten as a three-year starter, his record would not be unique. Chuck Ealey started every game at quarterback when Toledo went 35-0 in 1969-71. Charles Erb quarterbacked California through a 27-0-1 record in 1920-22.

But no college quarterback in modern times started on three unbeaten teams at a prestigious football school. Not Johnny Lujack or Arnold Tucker, of fabled teams at Notre Dame and Army, in the 40's; nor Jimmy Harris, who started 25 times during Oklahoma's record 47-game winning streak in the 50's.

That this improbable achievement would be within reach of Davis is ironic. Davis is an improbable football hero.

Perhaps any college student who is a Baptist minister, licensed pilot, leases an airplane, makes $10,000 conducting summer revivals, averages six speaking engagements and two sermons a week during spring practice, maintains a "B" average, served as an advance man for a governor and was



only the second junior in 26 years to be named captain at OU should not be considered an improbable hero.

But while Davis' outgoing personality and enterprise indicated he might become the Now Generation's Billy Graham or a U.S. Senator, there was little in his football background to suggest his name might someday be up in front on the mantle of unbeaten lions.

Davis, who has modish long hair and smiles winningly and often, is only 5-10. He was converted at 10 and preached when he was 14, or three years before taking his first snap from center.

At OU, he went from unsung recruit to neglected and unhappy player. He almost quit. His coaches hoped he would. A scandal gave him an opportunity and he became the sophomore catalyst on a team that turned an ominous prospect into high carnival. For a junior encore, he engineered a national championship.

Yet, many have been slow to acknowledge the overweight kid who moped through a redshirt year in 1972 has become the ultimate wishbone quarterback and excels in pressure games. Bob Devaney and Darrell Royal are among those who need no convincing. Davis was appreciated more, and earlier, at Lincoln and Austin than at Norman.

Surrounded by superstar teammates (nine Sooners made All-America the last two years), Davis has been crowded out of the spotlight and shut out by all-star pickers.

This may change now that the Big Eight has said good-bye to its passing Davids (Jaynes of Kansas, Humm of Nebraska). Davis would welcome honors and is not ashamed to think they are overdue. But no honor would compare, he assures, with a second national championship and being 33-0-1.

"Coach Switzer said it for me last year when he said all the all-star quarterbacks would like to be in my shoes," Davis said. "There are a lot of all-star quarterbacks but only one can be No. 1."

All of this seemed far fetched to Davis when he was a schoolboy at Sallisaw, an Eastern Oklahoma town of 4,800 which was best known for being the home of Depression era outlaw Pretty Boy Floyd.

Davis was one of seven quarterbacks OU signed in 1971. If the 30-limit rule had been in effect, OU would not have considered the tailback-turned-quarterback. Army and Harvard were the only other schools to contact Davis. OU's offer flattered him. He had long been enamored with OU and said the first two songs he learned were Amazing Grace and Boomer Sooner.

However, disenchantment set in when it became obvious to Davis he did not figure in OU's plans. Freshmen Kerry Jackson and Scott Hill were ranked ahead of sophomore Davis in 1972, and he was red-shirted. His attitude soured and his weight ballooned to 203. When the Sooners returned from defeating Penn State in the Sugar Bowl, Davis came "awfully close" to quitting.

"When I went home for the semester break I told Randy Hughes I probably

wouldn't be back," Davis said. "I had no encouragement to stay. The Sugar Bowl really depressed me. Dave Robertson got hurt and Kerry came in and moved the team. I thought they're right; I could never do that. This is just too big time for me."

He considered transferring to Northeastern State. Davis and his parents "prayed several days for guidance" before he decided to return to OU for the spring semester. He shed 20 pounds during the pre-spring conditioning class and regained his 4.6. speed. "Steve Davis is a changed person," Switzer said. "He's a dark horse." He was No. 2 when the transcript scandal exploded midway through spring practice, grounding Jackson and bringing a two-year probation. He became No. 1 by default.

Davis came under enormous pressure. He was an inexperienced quarterback operating with a green line, a rookie head coach under a probation cloud, and facing three probable defeats in the first five games. There was no question about his running ability. The reservations centered on his passing and leadership.

His performances in an opening rout of Baylor and a 7-7 tie with Southern California stamped Davis as an extraordinary and durable runner. But his passing was so poor (one-for-nine) against USC that OU would not risk a pass in its closing plays. The home opener against Miami proved the making of Davis as a complete quarterback. It also nearly crushed him. Miami intercepted his pitchout and returned it for a touchdown, and led 20-7 in the third quarter. "My lowest point," he said. His touchdown run reduced the deficit to 14-20, then he won it with a home run pass of 52 yards to Tinker Owens.

"I hated to try a pass, because my confidence was shot," Davis recalled. "It was definitely the biggest play I ever made."

The next week Davis threw two more bombs to ravage Texas and no one has since questioned his passing.

Nevertheless, he still had the Kerry Jackson monkey on his back when the 10-0-1 season ended. With Jackson eligible, OU considered a two-quarterback plan for '74. Davis had to prove himself again in spring practice.

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By then he exuded confidence. Addressing a congregation in Tulsa, Davis said, "if you are wondering who will be the No. 1 quarterback, you are looking at him." It soon became obvious Jackson was no threat to Davis.

Switzer admits, "we underestimated Steve. There may never be a quarterback who makes the pitchout as well as Jack Mildren. But Steve is probably the best combination runner and passer of all the wishbone quarterbacks."

Finally a VIP, Davis was excused from contact this spring—and objected! He appreciated knowing "for the first time the job was mine. But we are going to do more reading of the defenses this year and I would like to have run the new stuff under hitting conditions."

Davis rooms with his brother George, junior linebacker, in the football dormitory and tries to relate to the players as a teammate, not as a preacher. "I am not forceful," he said. "Christ was not forceful. I want to be close with the guys. It used to bother me when they went to the Pub to celebrate. Now, I go with them and have a 7-Up while they drink beer."

Davis is usually exuberant, but the smile fades when he discusses the luckless career of Jackson ("We are friends and I will never forget how he encouraged me two years ago.") and the conviction of former Governor David Hall, on whose staff Davis worked in the summer of '73.

Speaking requests put such a premium on Davis' time that he leased a twin-engine Cessna 3-10. Rare is the night from December until August when Davis does not fly to a civic club, youth group or church in Oklahoma to talk about God and OU. He also made appearances last semester in Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Kansas and Lincoln, where he joined Nebraska coach Tom Osborne ("A super person") at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes rally.

Davis is permitted by the NCAA to accept fees, but only to cover his leasing and fuel expenses, during the school year. He finally settled on $150 per engagement and assured, "there is no profit." When not enrolled, though, Davis is viewed no differently by the NCAA than any other athlete with a summer job. He made approximately $10,000 last summer on revivals. He donated a sizable part to the First Baptist Church of Norman and OU's Baptist Student Center.

At his revivals in California and Florida this summer Davis arranged for high school receivers "to work out with me every day." He spent much of the summer at his parents' home in Muskogee, where they moved last spring. His workout companions included two high school age brothers.

Davis is close to his family. His father works for a meat packing company and his mother is a welfare worker. He welcomes her opinions about his girlfriends. He will pay for his parents' flights to all of OU's road games.

He needs only two hours to graduate in December, then will enter a seminary at Louisville or Fort Worth and begin preparing for his No. 1 crusade. He takes a realistic approach to his No. 2 crusade.

"Our schedule is tougher and it would make every team's season to beat us," he said. "But I never had a greater desire to win them all. I really dislike losing. I haven't had any experience with losing here and I don't want any." 8

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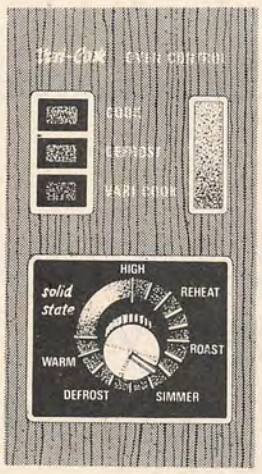

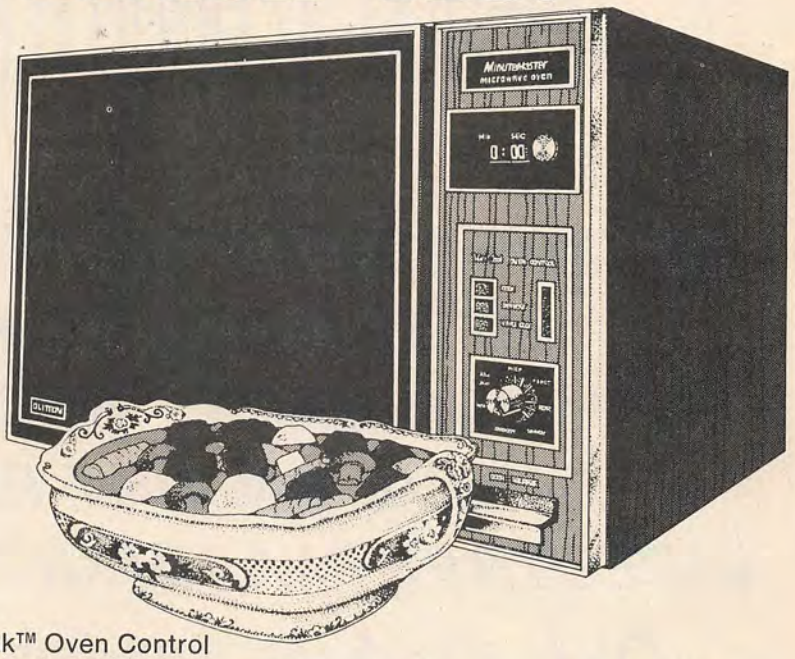

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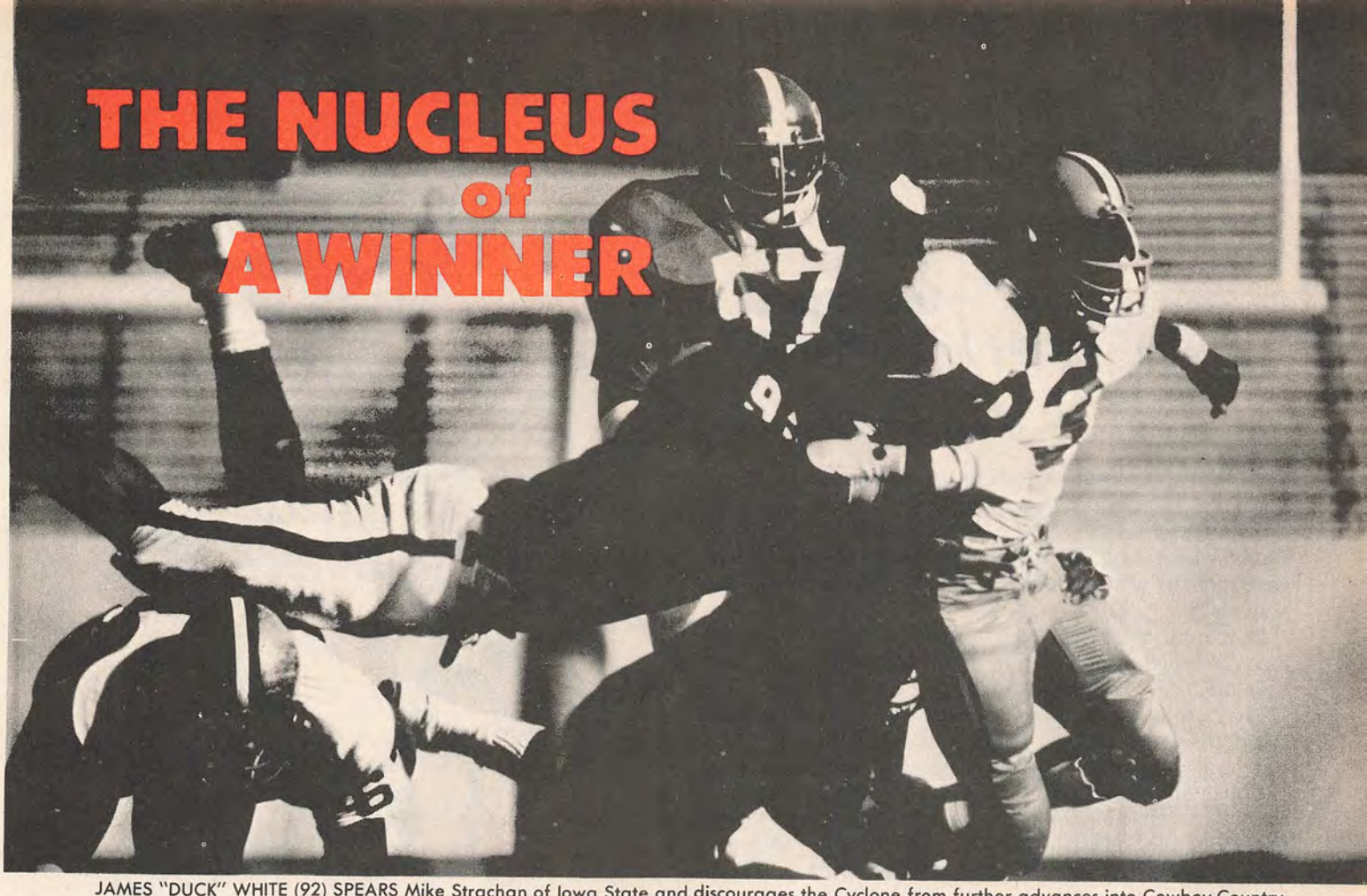

JAMES "DUCK" WHITE (92) SPEARS Mike Strachan of Iowa State and discourages the Cyclone from further advances into Cowboy Country.

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By **WAYNE BISHOP** *Tulsa World*

THE FALL OF 1969—Grant Burget was running wild on a Stroud football juggernaut which rolled unbeaten through 14 games, while further east in the lake country of Eufaula Lucious Selmon was displaying the talents that were later to win him All-America honors at Oklahoma University.

In the fall of 1975 college football recruiters will once again be spending a lot of time in Stroud and Eufaula. This time the targets will be Barry Burget and J. C. Watts.

That explosive duo tops a list of high school football standouts which poses a puzzle to those who have been watching Oklahoma prep talent the past several years.

Potentially, the class of '76 could be outstanding. But there are several big linemen who have to prove they can move and a lot of small backs who have to show they are durable enough to take the physical grind of the Big Eight Conference.

And, in what has become an increasingly frustrating problem, some of the best physical talent may be kept out of major competition because of classroom problems.

Burget and Watts, however, have none of these drawbacks. Both are big, strong and fast. Both are nearly perfect in the grade department. And both figure to lead their teams into contention for state championships.

Barry Burget is the second son of George, who watched Grant graduate at OU this year after a fine career despite injury problems.

Barry, too, had problems with health last fall. But the 6-4, 205-pounder found enough strength to score 115 points (48 of those in the playoffs as Stroud won the Class A title) and rush for nearly 1,500 yards. His average of 7.9 per carry was due in part to the threat of quarterback Steve Mixon, himself a two-time All-Big Eight prep selection who rushed for 2,100 yards last fall.

"Barry runs with much the same style as Grant did," said Stroud coach Bert Graham. "Grant was maybe a little smoother, while Barry just runs over people more. But both have that long, easy stride once they hit daylight."

Barry, who also handles the place kicking and punting for the Tigers, upped his stock by improving his time in the 40 to 4.7, with an occasional 4.6. And he may be even more effective at defensive end, where he uses his quickness, size and aggressiveness to shut down opposing offenses.

Although being singled out for publicity since junior high (when he was 6-2, 190), Barry has not let up on the practice field. "Just being a Burget makes him a fierce competitor," said Graham. "He didn't have a great year last fall because he was sick and we had Steve. But he'll get to carry the ball a lot more next season."

FIRST TEAM

TE	**STUART CARDER**, 6-4, 205, 4.7, Sand Springs
Line	**ED CULVER**, 6-4, 265, Tahlequah
Line	**TODD RANGER**, 6-3, 245, 5.2, Putnam City
Line	**SYD HAYNES**, 6-3, 245, Oklahoma City Grant
Line	**JIM CARNER**, 6-4, 240, Tulsa Hale
Line	**JOE WALSTAD**, 6-3, 250, 5.1, Altus
QB	**J.C. WATTS**, 5-11, 200, 4.7, Eufaula
QB-K	**SCOTT BURGER**, 6-0, 170, 4.7, Putnam City West
HB	**BARRY BURGET**, 6-3, 205, 4.6, Stroud
HB	**JIMMY ALLEN**, 6-0, 180, 4.6, Idabel
HB	**CHRIS WILLIS**, 6-3, 180, 4.5, Purcell

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Watts has been unable to display his full potential, also. The 6-0, 200-pounder came into prominence as a sophomore when he was moved from running back to quarterback and guided the Ironmen to four victories in their last five games.

Last year J.C. opened at quarterback, but had little in the way of backfield help, allowing defenses to key on him. Coach Paul Bell (who has had the privilege of coaching Lucious, LeRoy and Dewey Selmon in addition to Watts and 1974 All-Stater Rusty Griffis), then changed strategy.

Watts would go at quarterback until Eufaula got within scoring range. Then the hard-running sensation would move to tailback, where opponents would not know which way he was coming.

In back-to-back games late in the season, Watts rushed for 169 and 176 yards and scored 42 and 30 points. He finished the season with over 1,000 yards on the ground and in the air and scored 112 points.

With a rifle arm (he's thrown the ball regularly 60 yards or more going to his left or right), Watts will get a chance to do his thing with the Wishbone offense this season. He handles the kicking chores and is called on for big plays in the secondary when crucial situations arise.

A key to Watts' potential may be found in the regard he's held in by foes in the tough 2A-8 district. In a losing performance last year against Spiro he put on such a dazzling display of football and character that he is still held somewhat in awe there—and that's the same town which produced the Shoate brothers, Wayne Hoffman, John Bunch and a flock of other All-Staters.

One coach said of the polite young man (who now runs the 40 in 4.6 and 4.7 consistently), "He's not in our conference, but I've seen him and he's an All-American if I've ever seen one."

Both Watts and Burget, however, have to take a back seat to Idabel's Jimmie Allen. The durable warrior (6-0, 180 and 4.6 in the 40) made a habit of rushing for 200 yards or more last season in leading his mates to the state semi-finals. He scored five times against Okmulgee in the first round and finished the year with 180 points.

Running from the tailback slot, Allen carried the ball 25 to 35 times a game and was never hurt badly enough to miss a game. He finished with over 2,000 yards on the ground.

The other backfield member of the Top 11 is Purcell's Chris Willis, who has fascinating potential in his 6-3, 185 frame and 4.5 quickness in the 40.

Playing in the shadow of celebrated Gerald Green last year, Willis still made an impression on opponents and college coaches. A 3.0 student, Willis picked off seven passes last year on defense and provided an explosive threat to complement Green. He won four medals in the state track meet, including a 9.8 in the 100.

There are five big linemen in the 240-265 range, and any or all could be blue chippers with a little more quickness. Tulsa Hale has its biggest lineman ever in Jim Carner, a 6-4, 240 specimen who has exceptional strength.

Altus, which upset the Rangers in the state playoffs last year, has a dandy in Joe Walstad, who packs 250 on his 6-3 frame. Coach Jim Cromartie predicts Walstad will be bench pressing over 350 by the end of summer and he runs the 40 in 5.1. "Joe is the finest physical prospect we have

SECOND TEAM

TE	**BEN FRUEHAUF**, 6-4, 240, Midwest City
Line	**MATT ARMSTRONG**, 6-3, 230, 5.0, Edmond
Line	**ALONZO GRIFFIN**, 6-1, 192, 4.6, Sand Springs
Line	**MIKE BERRY**, 6-3, 200, 4.6, Oklahoma City Millwood
Line	**JEFF COUCH**, 6-4, 215, 4.8, Cordell
TE	**BRUCE TATON**, 6-3, 195, 4.7, Tulsa Hale
HB	**ROB KAUFMAN**, 6-1, 195, 4.8, Tulsa Hale
HB	**BRENT PAYNE**, 5-10, 170, 4.7, Sperry
HB	**PAUL AMEEN**, 5-11, 180, 4.8, Midwest City
HB	**TONY WADE**, 6-1, 190, 4.7, Jenks
HB	**BOBBY MOORE**, 6-3, 190, 4.7, Okmulgee
HB	**THOM ROYCE**, 6-2, 180, 4.7, Tulsa Rogers

had in Altus," said Cromartie, who certainly remembers last year's heavily recruited duo of Robert Irions and John Trest.

The Oklahoma City area and Mid-State Conference have at least a pair of standouts in Putnam City's Todd Ranger (6-3, 250) and U.S. Grant's Syd Haynes (6-3, 245). Ranger started in 13 games for the Pirates as they won the 4A state title. In one game he recovered two fumbles for touchdowns.

Tahlequah's Ed Culver has been making noise on the wrestling mat the past two years, but has also won recognition from college football recruiters. His 6-4, 265 frame has been aided by his wrestling experience (state runnerup last year and state Junior Olympic champion), as Culver has good strength and mobility.

JIMMY ALLEN of Idabel

Scott Burger of Putnam West could make it in the Big Eight as a kicker alone, but the 6-1, 180-pounder also showed fine ability at quarterback in the last three games last year. A solid defensive back, Burger averaged nearly 40 yards on his punts and kicked three of five field goals, including a 43-yarder.

Although missing the first six Sand Springs games last season due to a summer motorcycle injury, Stuart Carder has established himself as a prime prospect.

At 6-4, 205, he has great hands and turns a 4.7 in the 40. In addition, Carder has an aggressive streak in him which borders on "mean." And he's been a basketball starter the past two years as well.

Carder caught seven passes for a running team in only four games, and also excelled at linebacker. Coach Jim Webb plans to use him at fullback next fall.

Recruiters can take advantage of a two-in-one bargain at Sand Springs as nose guard Alonzo Griffin ranks as one of the bright stars in '75.

"Duke," as his teammates call him, is 6-1 by 192. But he runs the 40 in 4.5 and uses his exceptional quickness to spread havoc among opposing backfields. Webb switched to an odd-man front when Griffin was a sophomore to take advantage of his strength and quickness. And next season Duke will get a shot at tailback.

Hale has a strong supporting cast for Carner, too. Rob Kaufman has been a two-year standout at wide receiver, defensive back and running back. The 6-1, 195-pounder runs a 4.7 and has good strength and durability. Another proven performer for coach Jim Smith is flanker Mike Rollins (5-11, 175), who will be tried at running back. He is also a sound defensive back.

But the Rangers have a sleeper in tight end Bruce Taton, who has added nearly 20 pounds and now goes at 6-3, 195. He can outrun everyone on the squad, as well.

Taton started as a quarterback, but was moved to tight end. "I'd put him back at quarterback if he still had two years left," said Smith. "But he could easily be 6-4 and 210 next fall and has great hands. Bruce might be one of the most recruited players in the state at tight end."

Another Tulsan with whom Smith is familiar is Rogers safety Thom Royce. As a sophomore the 6-2, 180-pounder intercepted three Hale passes in an upset which gave Rogers the district title.

"Royce has a great knack for going to the right place and he has outstanding speed (4.7)," said coach Bill Eubanks. "All he needs to be really great is a little more aggressiveness."

Being aggressive is no problem for OC Millwood nose guard Mike Berry. At 6-3 and 200, the lightning-quick (4.6) lineman roamed all over the field last year in helping his mates to the state finals. All Berry needs to get more attention from recruiters is to pack a few more pounds on his lanky frame.

"I think we finally figured how to stop him," said Stroud's Graham, who split in two games with Millwood. "We just surround him. And if someone can pull his glasses off, it helps."

Matt Armstrong (6-3, 230) has been tabbed by one Big Eight recruiter as the best of a trio of fine Edmond linemen. Kevin Troutman (6-1, 235) could be just as good, however, when it's all over.

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Jenks head coach Clifford (Red) Rogers has been trying to keep a super star under wraps for three years. But running back Tony Wade was too spectacular last season to go unnoticed.

A fluid runner with explosive afterburners, the 6-1, 190 flyer scored 16 touchdowns in 1974. He was the most dangerous punt returner in the area last year and was gone any time he got daylight.

Size is the only drawback for Sperry's Brent Payne, an exciting three-sport standout who led the Pirates to the state semis last year before a high-scoring loss to Stroud.

At 5-10, 170, Payne scored 134 points in the regular season and added 50 more in the playoffs. With powerful legs and the ability to bounce back from a hard hit, Payne rushed for over 1,500 yards.

Size will not keep Okmulgee's Bobby Moore from being recruited. Standing 6-3 and gracefully carrying 190 pounds, the two-way star has started two years in basketball and football. He led the Bulldogs in interceptions and performed well on offense after injuries forced his double duty.

Midwest City, no stranger to college recruiters, has a pair of dandies. Paul Ameen faces the same problem brother Robin had (size), but at 5-10 and 180 he could prove the experts wrong and perform as well as Robin did at the Naval Academy.

But the top Bomber recruit could well be tight end Ben Fruehauf, who is 6-4 and 240. A fine blocker, the big lineman will get plenty of action.

A sleeper in the state is Cordell's Jeff Couch, who impressed one Big Eight scout in a recent visit. He has good size at 6-4 and is still adding to his 2.5 pounds. "Jeff is very aggressive, strong and quick," said coach Jim Ritz. Couch carries a 3.8 grade average.

STROUD'S BARRY BURGET

There are a flock of small, quick backs who could rise to the top. Eugene Jarvis of McAlester and Fred Hurd of Ardmore both have speed to burn on their 5-10, 165 frames. And Roland's Lester Knauls (5-10, 170) scored 136 points last season.

Tommy Doyle moved into the Catoosa lineup after the second game last year and wound up with over 1,200 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns. The 6-0, 170 halfback rushed for over 200 yards in a playoff game.

Lawton Eisenhower has a pair of potential stars in running back Tony Newry and tackle Art Johnson (6-4, 210). Another perennial talent-producer, Spiro, has a good offering in split end Ken McNeil and running back Darrell Steele. And nearby Sallisaw hopes for big things from defensive end (he'll be tried at running back this year) Bill Nowlin, who is a growing boy at 6-4, 224.

Sallisaw had another potential star in quarterback Joe Davis, younger brother of OU's Steve. But the 5-11, 170 Wishbone operative moved with his family to Muskogee, where Ray Grandstaff is undoubtedly happy to have him. Davis helped beat Grandstaff's last Checotah team two years ago.

Joining Walstad on the star list from Altus is Raymond Prince, who played fullback last year but may be moved to split end.

Tulsa has a host of "could-be's" including Edison's Lewis Parry, who is profoundly deaf but doesn't let that keep him from moving his 5-11, 190 frame around at fullback. David Knight started at running back for Hale as a sophomore, then started at linebacker for Washington last year. The 6-1, 185-pounder could be one of the best at either position.

Webster lost one standout when continued knee problems all but ruled Ronnie Wise out of football in his senior year. But the Warriors have another talented back in Robert Chandler. East Central has a fine physical specimen in quarterback Bill Vining (6-2, 185), but he needs more quickness.

John Austin (5-11, 175) has a world of potential as a running back at Beggs, but has been criticized by foes as not "disciplined enough" on the field.

Bristow, a young team last year which still made the playoff semis, has a mature group set for next fall. Scotty Hart packs a strong 265 pounds on his 6-4 structure and could be a top prospect with a little more quickness. Linebacker Jerry Greenwood is a fierce attacker with a nose for the ball.

Noble has high hopes for center John Shaw, who is 6-2 by 190 and still growing. Fast and strong (he bench presses 295), Shaw is also a fine defensive end. Although not as quick, Rex Ross of Miami is the same size and plays a tough offensive guard for the Wardogs.

Brett Lewis of Harrah plays both ways at tackle and has to be given a look due to his height (6-3 and 192) and speed. He's been a qualifier two years in the state hurdles competition.

Pawnee figures Mike Green is good for another super year after the 6-0, 180 flyer rushed for 1,064 yards in 1973 and 1,236 last season. A fine track performer, Green does the Pawnee place kicking and punting, threw for two touchdowns and scored 16 more last fall.

After moving to Tishomingo from New Mexico, Don Flint (6-2, 217) has established himself as a top gridder, leading his team in tackles last year.

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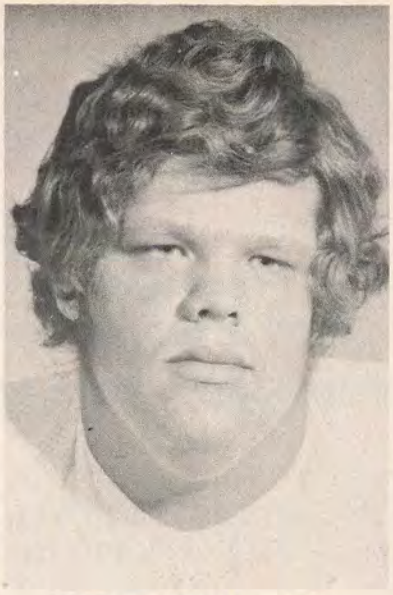

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OKLAHOMA'S BEST

"Even Superman would have to wait for a chance to play at Oklahoma"

By AL ESCHBACH *Oklahoma Journal*

THERE WERE THREE FOOTBALL BUFFS sitting in a local tavern in Norman. The tavern was decorated with the scores of every Oklahoma football game since the mid-40's. The trio gazed at all these scores as they sipped some beer.

One of the men was in his late 50's. One of the others was 45 years old and the third had just graduated from college.

"Look at those teams they had after the war," said the oldest of the three. "There's no doubt in my mind that Jack Tatum had the greatest recruiting year ever in 1946."

"How can you say that," argued another. "Look at what the Sooners did in the 50's. Anytime you win 47 straight games, you have to be doing right in recruiting. What about that '53 bunch of recruits? You couldn't beat them no how."

"Both you old-timers are a little off base," said the recent college graduate. "You don't have to look back in the past to see what was the best recruiting year ever. Just get a list of the guys the Sooners recruited this year. I'll put that list of 30 against any in the history of the school."

Scenes like the above could be happening all the time. The argument about which was the greatest recruiting harvest ever has been commonplace since Chuck Fairbanks took over the coaching reins.

Actually, with all the great recruiting years Oklahoma has had, three stick out—1946 with Tatum, 1953 with Bud Wilkinson and Barry Switzer's recruiting coup of the past season.

You might ask about the freshman class of 1969. That group included the likes of Greg Pruitt, Derland Moore, Tom Brahaney, Al Chandler, Joe Wylie, Gary Baccus, Leon Crosswhite and Ray Hamilton.

But all of these players were not hot items on the recruiting market. When we talk about the greatest recruiting year ever, we are talking about how many blue-chip prospects were signed. The issue of how many fulfill this potential is more of a reflection on a coaching staff's ability to go after the best talent, and this can only be measured in national championships at some point in the future.

First let's look at the '46, '53 and current crops separately and then arrive at a conclusion.

Tatum did an outstanding job in '46. The war had ended and players were looking for a place to play football. There were hardly any NCAA restrictions at that time.

Among this group Tatum brought in during his only year at OU were three-time All-American Buddy Burris, John Rapacz, Wade Walker, Plato Andros, Jack Mitchell, Darrell Royal, Homer Payne, Junior Thomas and Charlie Zarratt.

Burris recalls how he was recruited.

"I went to Tulsa before the war and played one year there," said the All-American guard. "After the war was over I figured I could play football somewhere. Jack

BILLY SIMS, halfback—*"I've traveled six states pretty thoroughly this year and I haven't seen anything in his class yet,"* said a Southwest Conference recruiter. *"I'd say he might be an O.J. Simpson type. He has the power and the moves."*

VICTOR HICKS, tight end—*"Could be a super, super player. Has great size (6-4, 230) and good speed (4.7 in the 40). He could play a lot as a freshman,"* OU line coach Rex Norris.

MIKE GAITHER, fullback—*"There was no fullback in the state with the ability of Mike Gaither. He can run over people. We weren't the only ones who thought he was a great prospect—he visited Southern Cal and Notre Dame,"* Barry Switzer.

PHIL and PAUL TABOR, linemen—*"A lot of people think they were the top line prospects to come out of Texas last year. Paul was hurt last year, but he has a lot of ability. Phil could play either offense or defense,"* OU assistant Jimmy Helms.

GREG ROBERTS, linebacker—*"I have never seen a better high school linebacker. Greg didn't get much attention before the season started, but everyone in the country was after him when it was over. I think he could be a bigger Rod Shoate,"* Nacogdoches coach Buddy Williams.

MARK WILSON, lineman—*"He was one of the best linemen in Texas. He didn't get as much publicity because he committed to us so early. He has great strength . . . "* OU recruiting chief Jerry Pettibone.

BARRY DITTMAN, linebacker—*"You just wouldn't believe how good he looked on films. He has a chance of getting in some playing time this year. He didn't win many honors, but every Southwest Conference school was after him,"* defensive coach Larry Lacewell.

REGGIE KINLAW, noseguard—*"He might have been the best line prospect in Florida. Woody Hayes thought he was going to get him to go to Ohio State. But the night of the signing date, Woody just couldn't find him—he was with me,"* assistant coach Gene Hochevar.

KENNY KING, halfback—*"A lot has been said about Billy Sims, but let me tell you that Kenny King is a super back. He has all the moves and the speed. We think we got the three best running backs in Texas with Sims, King and Woodie Shepherd,"* Barry Switzer.

TONY ANTONE, quarterback-defensive back—*"Tony's a great athlete. I'm sure he can play someplace at OU. He has good speed and good instinct,"* Lawton Eisenhower coach Ron Polston.

MIKE BABB, defensive back—*"There were some good prospects on the Ada team this year, but we thought Mike was the best. He's a good hitter and has good speed,"* Jerry Pettibone.

BUD HEBERT, split receiver—*"If he's healthy, he could be an All-American in college. Even though he was hurt this year, we still thought he was the top receiving prospect in Texas,"* a Southwest Conference recruiter.

GEORGE CUMBY, halfback—*"We looked at him on film, and he looked super-duper. He has those dipsey-doodle moves. He could be a sleeper,"* OU backfield coach Wendell Mosley.

KENT BRADFORD, tight end—*"He didn't get much publicity last year, but he's an outstanding prospect. He could get some playing time in this year. He really likes contact,"* Jerry Pettibone.

DARYL HUNT, linebacker—*"He was one of the best players in west Texas. He made 115 tackles during his senior year. Some thought he was the best linebacker in Texas,"* Rex Norris.

RON ROSS, lineman—*"He has the chance to be in the same class as the Selmons because of his size (6-5, 235). He was the most highly recruited lineman in the state. He visited Southern Cal and Notre Dame,"* Larry Lacewell.

RECRUITING YEAR EVER. . .

Tatum came to visit me one day and asked me if I wanted to come to OU for a weekend.

"Well, this was in the spring. I went down there and they had me take part in a scrimmage. I thought I did pretty well that day. A few days later Tatum came back to Muskogee and offered me a scholarship."

Burris then helped out in the recruiting.

"I went with an assistant coach and helped get Homer Payne, who was a teammate of mine at Tulsa. He was going to go to Tulane, but we talked him into going to OU. We thought we were putting a pretty good line together because we had Wade Walker, John Rapacz, Plato Andros and myself on it."

If you think the present day squad is big, you should have seen the one in '46.

"In Tatum's one year there, he issued 375 uniforms to players during spring practice," Burris said. "It was the darndest thing you've ever seen. He would bring in players and try 'em out."

Retired sports information director Harold Keith thinks the '46 bunch may be the greatest recruiting haul ever.

"Tatum was something else. He went all over the country to recruit," recalled Keith. "He brought seven youngsters in from the Jacksonville Air Station, including Wade Walker.

"I remember when he brought in Junior Thomas. Thomas was just in high school then and Tatum had him scrimmage. Thomas made the varsity defense look bad. They couldn't stop him. So Tatum immediately offered him a scholarship."

Things changed in the 50's when Wilkinson was boss. The NCAA started to crack down on recruiting. Regulations were passed.

Wilkinson, who built the Sooners into a football factory, was asked what his best recruiting year ever was.

"No particular one stands out in my mind. I can remember one bad one. Things were just a lot different then. We just recruited in an area 250 miles around Norman.

"Like I don't think we would have gotten an Elvis Peacock back then," Wilkinson said. "Things were just different. But we did hit Texas hard like they do today."

Even though Bud can't remember a standout year, his '53 group has to rank as his best.

On that freshman squad was Jerry Tubbs, who could have been the most highly sought-after lineman during Wilkinson's regime. Jay O'Neal was a highly-touted quarterback from Ada.

And then there was a running back named Tommy McDonald from Albuquerque. The Sooners won a big battle for his services.

There were other blue-chippers signed that year. They included John Bell of Enid, Tom Emerson of Wilson, Ken

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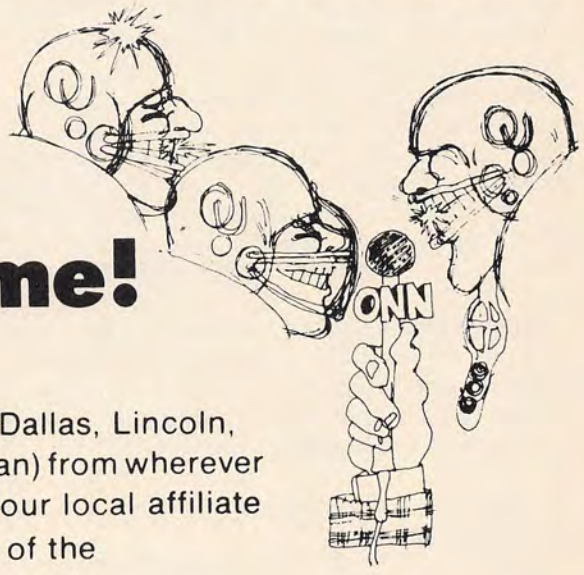

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Northcutt of Wichita Falls, Ed Gray of Odessa, Tex., Robert Derrick of Woodward, and Billy Pricer of Perry.

There was also a halfback on this freshman team. His name was Jimmy Harris. He turned into one of the best Sooner quarterbacks ever.

That group of 1953 never lost a varsity football game at Oklahoma. During this era most of the talent came from Oklahoma—72 percent of the '53 freshmen were from the Sooner State.

Now let's take a look into the late 60's and 70's. There have been great recruiting years. We've mentioned the '69 crop. The '68 recruits were also highly touted.

Barry Switzer was asked to compare these groups with the recent success of this year.

Switzer didn't blink an eye when he said that this was the best crop of high school blue-chippers since he arrived at OU in 1966.

"Now I'm talking about players who were of the most sought-after variety in high school. These are players who we thought would be sure-shots in college. I'm not talking about how they turned out to be," Barry said.

"In 1968, the only players who we thought were sure-shot prospects were Jack Mildren, Roy Bell and Glenn King—just three of them.

"In 1969 there were six of these type players that everyone was after—Raymond Hamilton, A.G. Perryman, Joe Wylie, Dan Ruster, Eddie Foster and Tom Brahaney."

But what about this year?

"I would have to say that we have signed 15 or 16 players in this category. So there's no doubt about this being our best recruiting year since I've been here."

There hasn't been a year when as many high school All-Americans have come to Norman as this season.

There are no less than nine recruits who were named on at least one All-American squad.

Included on this list are halfback Billy Sims of Hooks, Tex., quarterback Thomas Lott of San Antonio, halfback Gregg Byram of Norman, fullbacks Mike Gaither of Tulsa and Wayne Petties of Monahans, Tex., tackle Phil Tabor of Houston, nose guard Reggie Kinlaw of Miami, Fla., linebacker Greg Roberts of Nacogdoches, Tex., and Reggie Mathis of Navarro Junior College.

Mathis spent one season at Navarro, but was a high school All-American at Chattanooga, Tenn.

There are four others that the Sooners think could have been All-Americans if they did not suffer injuries the past year—split receiver Bud Hebert of Beaumont, Tex., lineman Paul Tabor of Houston, nose guard Alvin Dixon of Conroe, Tex., and tight end Victor Hicks of Lubbock, Texas.

"I think the best chance a freshman would have to start next year for us would probably be tight end or linebacker," says recruiting chief Jerry Pettibone. "You would have to be Superman to start right away for us. But even Superman would probably have to wait for a chance at OU."

Pettibone gives his reasons why he thought this was the greatest recruiting haul.

"We think we got the best wishbone halfback in the country in Billy Sims. Of course, Gregg Byram, Ken King and Woodie Shepherd are in that class. And we think Thomas Lott was the best wishbone quarterback prospect in the country.

"And there's no doubt about our crop of linebackers," Pettibone continued. "It's the best we have ever done in this department. We think Greg Roberts, Barry Dittman, Greg Sellmyer, Doug Morgan and Daryl Hunt are all super prospects.

"We have never gotten more players that were recruited by everyone in the country. Just like Reggie Kinlaw. When we signed him, Woody Hayes was there trying to get him to go to Ohio State."

So what really was the best recruiting year ever?

We would have to say the 1975 bunch is the greatest group of freshmen that ever has been brought to Norman.

The 1946 group was very talented. But the circumstances were different at that time. There weren't the restrictions that prevail today. The value of a bue chip after the war was more predictable due to his previous college successes. Larger numbers were allowed and try-outs were a pre-requisite to a scholarship.

And you can't argue against the 1953 gang. After all, you can't argue about a group that never lost. But Wilkinson didn't bring in blue-chippers from all over the country.

But as far as signing as many players who have won as many honors, there has never been a recruiting harvest like the one in 1975.

UWE VON SCHAMANN, kicker—***"We needed a kicker and we think we got an excellent one. He didn't miss an extra point all year,"*** **Jerry Pettibone.**

JOHN TREST, lineman—***"He's another lineman we got with great size (6-5, 235). A lot of people think he's the top baseball prospect in the state. He has great strength,"*** **Jerry Pettibone.**

THOMAS LOTT, quarterback—***"He's a Joe Washington at quarterback. Wait till people see his moves. There wasn't a better wishbone quarterback prospect in the country,"*** **Wendell Mosley.**

WODDIE SHEPHERD, running back—***'He's in the super category. I never saw Darrell Royal so mad as when he came to sign Shepherd and found out he signed with Oklahoma. I don't think Darrell really believed it,"*** **Rex Norris.**

DOUG MORGAN, linebacker—***"He was one of the most highly recruited prospects in Louisiana. Every Southeast Conference school was after him. He has great speed (4.6 in the 40),"*** **Jerry Pettibone.**

BILL O'GARA, lineman—***"He has as much potential as any prospect I've ever coached. He just turned 17 years old. I don't see how he can miss in college,"*** **Shawnee Mission coach Len Mohlman.**

GREG SELLMYER, linebacker—***"He was picked as the Panhandle player of the year. He averaged 14 tackles a game and gained over 1,400 running as a fullback,"*** **Rex Norris.**

ALVIN DIXON, lineman—***"If he hadn't been injured this year, every college in the country would have been after him. He could be a great player,"*** **Jerry Pettibone.**

GREGG BYRAM, halfback—***"Gregg Byram is in the super category. He was the best athlete in the state and there wasn't any doubt about him being the best halfback prospect. He was one of the best in the country,"*** **Barry Switzer.**

WAYNE PETTIS, fullback—***"There were over 50 schools after him. He was a two-way all-stater as both a junior and a senior. He gained 3,861 yards in his career and scored 44 touchdowns,"*** **Rex Norris.**

REGGIE MATHIS, tight end—***"He could help us immediately. He was supposed to be one of the best athletes to come out of Tennessee,"*** **Barry Switzer.**

JERRY ANDERSON, defensive back—***"He is a super prospect. We thought he was one of the best junior college backs in the country,"*** **defensive backfield coach Bobby Proctor.**

LARRY LAWTON, fullback—***"He can really move. He runs the 40 in 4.5. If he's healthy he should play a lot this year,"*** **Wendell Mosley.**

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THE COWBOY RUNNERS

By **RON HOLT** *Stillwater News-Press*

TRADITIONALLY, OKLAHOMA STATE has relied on a tough running fullback to mold its offense around. There were the likes of Walt Garrison, Jack Reynolds and last year's pile-driver George Palmer, to name a few who were responsible for grinding out most of OSU's yardage in the past. But times are changing and so has the Cowboys' offensive look.

Recruiting the past two seasons has brought the Cowboys some speedy, stylish running backs. The current OSU stable of backs probably possesses the most talent in the school's history. Another fine recruiting season has given the Cowpokes added backfield depth.

"We don't have as much depth as some people would say, but don't get me wrong—we're proud of what we have," OSU coach Jim Stanley said. "We don't have the size of some teams in the Big Eight. Missouri has a big tailback it's proud of and Colorado evidently has some good, big people. And, of course, Oklahoma has some good ones. We're proud of what we've got, but I don't know how we would match up with the rest of the conference until we hook them up."

In any case, the Cowboy coaches have to be optimistic about the potential in the running back department. That fact may have been influential in O-State's experimenting with the I-formation, along with its wishbone offense, during the spring.

The headliners among the returnees include sophomores Terry Miller and Skip Taylor, both halfbacks, and junior fullback Robert Turner. Each saw considerable action last year. Kenny Walker, the outstanding offensive player in the Fiesta Bowl, is a backup halfback along with an improved Billy Jones. Unheralded Mike Mitchell, who was a pleasant surprise in the spring game, is a backup to Turner at fullback.

Miller, a highly-touted gridder from Colorado with 4.5 speed, could be one of the Big Eight's finest backs this season. He rushed for 334 yards last year, second best on the team, while suffering most of the season with a leg

KENNY WALKER found that the new "I" formation utilizes his running ability bette than the wishbone, finishing the spring as Terry Miller's backup.

injury which prohibited his movement. He also had to spend some time in the fullback slot midway through the season when Turner suffered a broken ankle. The 6-0, 180-pounder will be a starter at one halfback post when OSU is in the wishbone and will become the tailback when the Pokes moved into the I-formation.

The tailback position is nothing new to Miller, who ran from the offense in high school. He impressed OSU coaches with his running from the I in the spring. "The I-

A stable of steeplechasers

formation gives Terry a chance to show what he can do," coach Stanley said. "He is going to be a better back this year since he was bothered by the injury last year."

Taylor, who has 9.7 speed in the 100, flashed signs of being a quality runner during the past campaign and is a probable starter at the other halfback post off the wishbone. "Skip was injured most of the spring, but when he was healthy he did look good," Gene Henderson, OSU offensive coordinator, noted. "Last year he was a far better back than we expected. He is a great blocker."

Turner, a 5-11, 180-pounder, looked good at times last year, but was disappointing during spring practice. His disappointing play has OSU coaches concerned about the fullback post. "Turner was very inconsistent in blocking this spring," Henderson observed. "He has the potential to be a great fullback. He has great quickness and is an explosive type runner."

Coach Stanley was admittedly concerned about the fullback slot. "The fact I think some players coming in will get a look at fullback indicates I was unhappy with the progress in the spring . . . I want that fullback spot humping a little more."

Walker, a 6-3, 195-pound senior, is another back with the potential to be a standout. In the wishbone offense, however, Walker leaves a lot to be desired with his blocking. He was more impressive running from the I-formation. "Walker does not block well out of the wishbone, but ran better than ever this spring," Henderson stated. "He's an outstanding I-back and a threat to start."

According to the coaches, Jones improved more than any other back in the spring and did a good job running and blocking. The 5-11, 180-pounder was seldom used last year.

"Mitchell improved a great deal," Henderson said of the walkon fullback. "He was slow last year, but through

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SKIP TAYLOR (28) is probably the most consistent wishbone back in the Cowboys' Stable.

repetition he's learned to hit the hole quicker. In fact, he had a better spring game than Robert Turner."

There is promising potential in the group of returnees, but the credentials some of the incoming freshmen bring to Stillwater make the outlook even brighter. "I think we have some quality backs coming in as freshmen who could help, depth-wise," Stanley noted. "I don't know if they can break into the lineup, but they could sure give us some security back there."

The rookies will not only be looked at in the backfield. Some of them will be tried in the specialty department, especially in punt and kickoff returning. O-State needs to find a punt returner since Wes Hankins, last year's returner, left school.

Gerald Green, one of the better backs in Oklahoma last year, will be given a lengthy look as a punt returner. The 6-1, 180-pounder from Purcell has 4.5 speed and outstanding moves. He won the state Class 2A 100-yard dash title this past season with a time of 9.9, leading his team to the state track title. Green ran a 9.5 last spring. He gained more than 3,000 yards as a senior, and is also a prospect for a halfback post.

Chip Latham, a 6-1, 190-pound Oklahoma all-stater, is also a blue-chip prospect. He will be tried as a punt returner and in the backfield. Latham won the state Class A 100-yard dash as a senior with a time of 9.9. In a qualifying heat, Latham posted a 9.5. He rushed for more than 3,700 yards in three prep years.

Coach Stanley and his staff will likely give thorough looks to some highly-regarded fullback prospects.

Steve Stephens, a 6-2½ by 225-pounder from Tampa, Fla., is highly thought of by OSU coaches and could log plenty of playing time before the season ends. "Steve was one of the two most sought after backs in Florida," Coach Stanley added. The rugged fullback has 4.7 speed.

The coaches are also going to look at Charles Loggins, the 6-2, 210-pounder from Grandfield. Loggins, who has 4.6 speed, is a multi-talented prospect who could see action as a tight end, linebacker or fullback. Loggins was on the Big Eight Magazine's blue-chip recruit list last year.

Dale Miller, a prep all-American from Shawnee Mission, Kan., is also a fullback hopeful. He is 6-2 by 210 pounds and has 4.6 speed. He rushed for 950 yards on a state championship team last year.

Others vying for the post will be Mangum's Farland Dindy, who coach Stanley thinks will help the team this year, and Paul Sturdivant, a transfer from Southern Methodist. Dindy is a 6-2, 195 pounder.

Darnell Scott, an all-state back from Spiro, could figure in the offensive backfield picture, although he will be tried first as a defensive back. Scott played halfback in high school and has the potential to help the Pokes in the backfield. He is a 6-1, 185-pounder.

The abundance of quality prospects should greatly upgrade the Cowboys' offensive attack in 1975. O-State will have backs suited to the wishbone offense and will have backs more suited to the I-formation. It also looks as though the depth situation will be aided, which will be important if the Pokes happen to run into injury problems as they did in 1974.

"We will be prepared to use both offenses," Stanley remarked. "It will depend on how people adjust. If we are having success in one, we will stay with it."

But any way the Cowboys go on offense, it has to please the coaches to know there will be backs with breakaway speed to hand the ball to in 1975.

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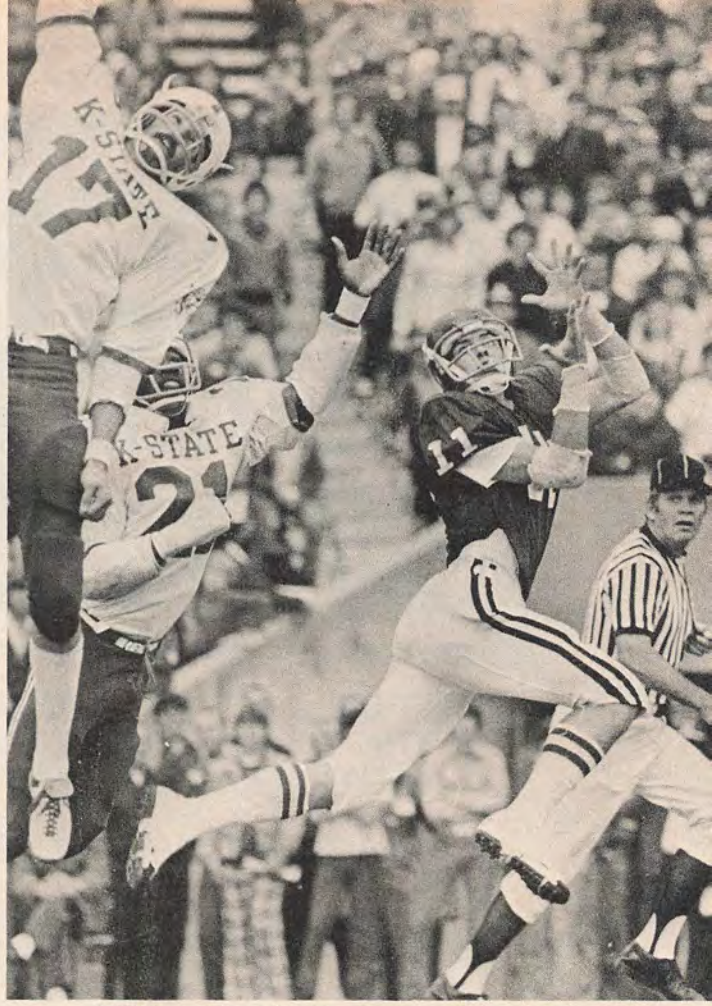

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BIG EIGHT GRIDIRON PUZZLE

By ROBERT L. FERRIER

The last names of 16 prominent Big Eight football players from last season, two from each team, are hidden in the maze of letters. How many can you find by consulting the clues? The names read forward, backward, up, down or diagonally, are always in a straight line, and never skip letters. The answer to No. 1, LOGAN, is circled in the diagram. The letters may be used more than once, but not all the letters will be used. Big Eight sleuths should be able to spot 12 or more names.

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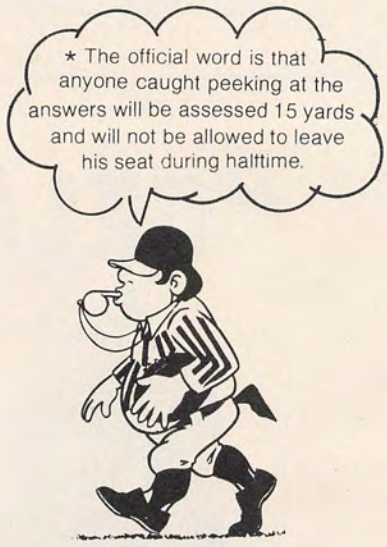

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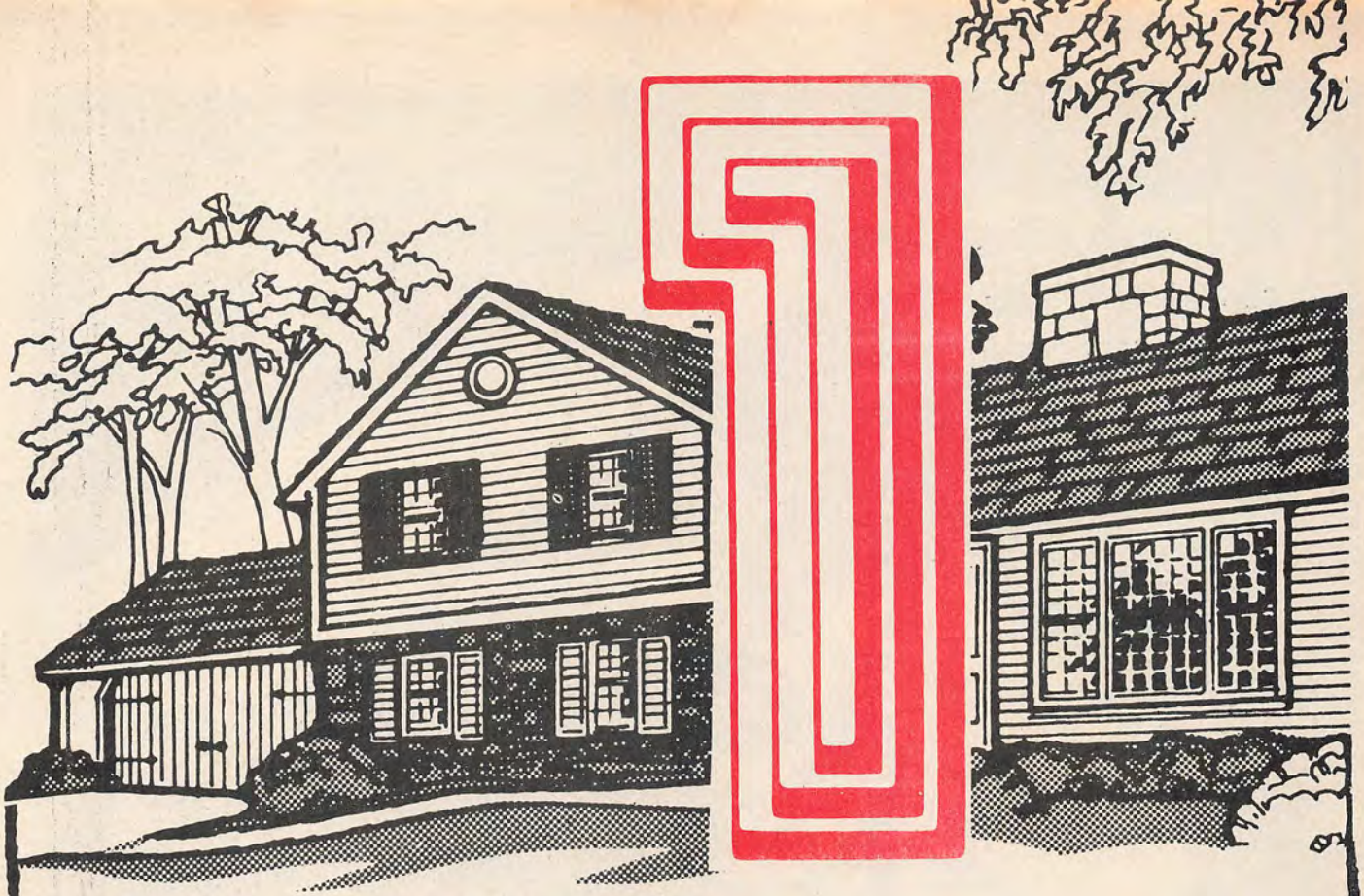
1.	Catches, Pitches, Dunks	CU	9.	Boling, Tex., Billy	CU
2.	Little Boy Luther	ISU	10.	Super Safety	ISU
3.	Blue Blur Laverne	KU	11.	Millionaire Bruce	KU
4.	Scobey Do	KSU	12.	Tifton's Own Theopilis	KSU
5.	Tough Tony	MU	13.	Bruiser Bill	MU
6.	Rik the Stick	NU	14.	Top Offensive Frosh '74	NU
7.	Little Joe	OU	15.	Licensed Baptist Preacher	OU
8.	Rocky Mountain High	OSU	16.	Big Arkansas Traveler	OSU

* ANSWERS

ANSWERS: 1. (Dave) Logan; 2. (Luther) Blue; 3. (Laverne) Smith; 4. (Roscoe) Scobey; 5. (Tony) Galbreath; 6. (Rik) Bonness; 7. (Joe) Washington; 8. (Terry) Miller; 9. (Billy) Waddy; 10. (Barry) Hill; 11. (Bruce) Adams; 12. (Theopilis) Bryant; 13. (Bill) Ziegler; 14. (Monte) Anthony; 15. (Steve) Davis; 16. (Phillip) Dokes.



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SOPHOMORE SHOWCASE

The Class of the Sophomores

By DAN CREEDON *Boulder Camera*

FOR FOLKS SEARCHING FOR MORE top-to-bottom balance in Big Eight Conference football, there is a ray of hope in the 1975 pre-season all-sophomore team.

For the blue-chip offensive and defensive units, assembled from the recommendations of dozens of coaches, writers and broadcasters in the Conference's six-state area, are not dominated by any one school.

Oklahoma, which made good use of freshmen Elvis Peacock and Zac Henderson on the way to a national championship last fall, and Oklahoma State, which went right out and played a fistful of youngsters off its best frosh class since the Brent Blackman-Cleveland Vann-Reuben Gant group, each garnered four berths on the all-soph team.

Nebraska and Missouri, two schools which red-shirted extensively last year in the soph class, along with Kansas, landed three berths apiece on the team, Colorado and Kansas State two each, and Iowa State one.

Seven of the all-soph choices were considered regulars at the close of their frosh seasons in '74; seven others played on the varsity level as '74 freshmen; five were red-shirt sophs a year ago and three were freshmen whose first-year experience was limited to junior varsity competition.

Although Oklahoma placed only four players on the all-soph first team and five on the second unit, 11 other Sooner sophomores were considered for berths. No other school had nearly as many as 20 sophs mentioned as possibilities for the all-soph squad.

It's a team whose premier performers are running backs—strong, fast, elusive slashers like Peacock, Oklahoma State's Terry Miller and Nebraska's Monte Anthony.

In compiling the team, though, it was also quite apparent that the future health of Big Eight football is excellent. This may be seen just from an analysis of the abundance of talented sophomore quarterbacks and linebackers, perhaps the two most vital position areas on the field, the Conference's teams have stockpiled for future use.

There's no guarantee that all the sophomore stars will play in '75. For example: Although he was the quarterback on *The Big Eight*'s all-freshman team last fall, as well as this year's honoree at the signal-calling position ahead of what will be his true sophomore year, it is not totally out of line to mention the possibility of the Norman-bred Dean Blevins' winding up as a Sooner red-shirt in 1975. In that case, the sophomore spotlight at quarterback might shift elsewhere to second-team picks Buddy Hardeman, the Iowa Stater coming off the injured list, or unheralded Joe Hatcher, the Kansas Stater who came out of the same prep system (Regis High School in Denver) as 1972-73 Stanford great Mike Boryla. Or it might fall on another Sooner, durable Joe McReynolds, or Oklahoma State's Scott Burk, or Nebraska's Randy Garcia, or maybe even Missouri's Pete Woods who, like Blevins, starts behind a veteran standout, Steve Pisarkiewicz, at Mizzou.

"I'd like to," Switzer openly admits when asked about the possibility of red-shirting Blevins, who was named the outstanding offensive back in Oklahoma's Varsity-Alumni game after lining up most of the spring behind McReynolds. "But I've got to get him ready to play. He might be my quarterback, if Davis were hurt."

There's no question in Switzer's mind or, he hopes, in Blevins' either, about what kind of prospect the 6-0, 178-pounder is. "Great. He has the speed, great quickness, passing ability and is an intelligent leader," Switzer says in discussing Blevins. "And he certainly knows now his future can be in football. (Blevins, a former Oklahoma Prep Basketball Player of the Year, lettered as a reserve guard for the Sooner cagers last winter.) Dean had doubts before. Coming out of high school, he didn't know for sure how good a football player he could be because he hadn't played that much because of injuries. His high school team was something like 1-9 his junior year, but he didn't play until the last game. But when I saw him then, I knew he was super."

The 6-0, 181-pound Hardeman, who was felled by a knee injury on the first play of Iowa State's second game last fall and didn't play any more (he was granted a hardship ruling under new Big Eight and NCAA guidelines for such cases), came out of ISU's drills this spring ranked No. 3 at quarterback. But there were

ALL BIG 8 SOPHOMORE TEAM

OFFENSIVE 1st TEAM

Pos.	Name	Hometown	Ht.	Wt.	College
SE	Gerald Bain	Hollywood, FL	6-2	185	OSU
T	Stan Waldemore	Belleville, NJ	6-4	246	NU
G	Steve Hakes	Aurora, CO	6-3	244	CU
C	Tom Davis	Omaha, NE	6-3	242	NU
G	Floyd Dorsey	Leawood, KS	6-4	232	KSU
T	Jim Taylor	Peoria, IL	6-4	250	MU
WB	Joe Stewart	Evanston, IL	5-11	175	MU
QB	Dean Blevins	Norman, OK	6-0	178	OU
RB	Terry Miller	Colorado Springs, CO	6-0	186	OSU
RB	Elvis Peacock	Miami, FL	6-1	190	OU
RB	Monte Anthony	Bellevue, NE	6-3	207	NU

DEFENSIVE 1st TEAM

E	Tom Dinkel	Topeka, KS	6-3	220	KU
T	Mike Stensrud	Lake Mills, IA	6-5	265	ISU
NG	Jim Emerson	Great Bend, KS	6-3	262	KU
T	Richard Murray	Greenville, TX	6-3	250	OU
E	Daria Butler	Metairie, LA	6-3	196	OSU
LB	Gary Spani	Manhattan, KS	6-3	215	KSU
LB	Tom Perry	Colorado Springs, CO	6-3	230	CU
DB	Tom Fitch	Topeka, KS	6-1	200	KU
DB	Willie Lester	Naples, FL	6-3	188	OSU
DB	Jim Leavitt	St. Petersburg, FL	6-2	185	MU
DB	Zac Henderson	Burkburnett, TX	6-1	180	OU

Cyclone assistants insisting Hardeman, an exceptional runner as a freshman in ISU's veer and option offenses (550 yards until the '74 injury), will be No. 1 before Big Eight teams start playing for keeps in the fall.

Hatcher, like Boryla, was overlooked by his home-state school, Colorado. Outgoing KSU coach Vince Gibson and his staff liked Hatcher last fall, but they had Steve Grogan and a freshman with a year in the program, Arthur Bailey (another of the Big Eight's fine sophomore quarterback prospects this fall), and didn't feel any need to rush the Denver youngster. So Hatcher built some eye-popping statistics with the Wildcat jayvees, completing 58 per cent of his passes and throwing for 345 yards in one game against Wichita State.

At Missouri, they say the 6-4, 200-pound Woods can throw accurately long almost as well as "Zark" and he's a more effective runner than the Tigers' number one, a factor which could earn him spot duty and give the Bengals' attack an added dimension.

At Oklahoma State, Scott Burk, who came with Miller from Colorado (Cherry Creek), didn't make the move everyone expected him to this spring, but he is still the Oklag quarterback with the strongest arm and most speed, a combination likely to eventually thrust him to the top.

The Big Eight graduated, it seemed, enough linebackers to stock half the National Football League teams, so the opportunity for sophs is great there on defense at almost every school in the Conference.

One starter who didn't graduate, Kansas State's Gary Spani, who played regularly as a freshman, is acknowledged as clearly the most advanced of the soph 'backers. He might, suggests at least one rival coach, be not only the best sophomore linebacker in the league but may be the best linebacker, period. A 6-2, 207-pounder, Spani, a Manhattan product, thrust himself into the spotlight as a freshman, even though K-State had two name soph 'backers, Carl Pennington and Theopilis Bryant (since shifted to nose guard).

The Big Eight's other first string linebacker, Colorado's Tom Perry, is something of a newcomer to the position. After a brief linebacking trial as a freshman, Perry returned to fullback last fall, starting there in the only game in which he played, at the Air Force Academy. But after he was ruled a hardship case and granted a red-shirt year, Perry was shoved into the linebacking search at Colorado. "Gosh, he has an awful lot of ability," CU coach Bill Mallory muses, obviously impressed by Perry's size (6-3, 230 pounds), speed (4.6 for the 40) and strength (he bench presses 405 pounds) for a linebacker.

Tom Osborne brands red-shirt Husker Jim Wightman, a 6-3, 213-pounder, "an alley player." Husker coaches delighted in the violent collisions the second-teamer caused in NU spring practice.

Oklahoma will play two sophomore linebackers. And nobody expects the new Sooner 'backers to measure up to last year's tandem of all-American Rod Shoate and Gary Gibbs. The best of the new Sooner linebackers, all red-shirts, may be 6-2, 215-pound Bill Dalke, whom Switzer describes as "very physical," and then says, "He likes to knock the daylights out of people. He doesn't have the lateral movement of Shoate—none of our linebackers do—but he'll play the run tough. He won't give up anything to the people who run north and south."

Imagine a backfield with runners like Anthony (6-3, 207), Peacock (6-1, 190) and Miller (6-0, 186).

Anthony (651 yards) contributed more than any first-year player at Nebraska since the frosh-eligible rule was returned in 1972. Tom Osborne, who has been around a few quality power runners in his years at Nebraska, says he doubts any team has a better 1-2 I-back punch than his Anthony-John O'Leary (senior) duo. Says one defensive coordinator in the league who'd choose Anthony if he had his pick of the soph runners: "He can get you the tough yards and he understands what it means to take care of the football. But you knew he had to be something special when they moved the other kid (Tony Davis) to fullback and weren't afraid to play him even though they had O'Leary."

Miller did everything they asked of him as an OSU freshman (334 yards), even play Wishbone-T fullback after coming off an early season surgery. He obviously was never at full speed after returning in November. He was this spring, though. "Miller had a dynamite spring," one OSUer said. "He was super in the Slot-I (a formation OSU will use along with the Wishbone next fall), but that was expected since he had been an I-back in high school. And he's still our best blocking back." The latter is a factor that assures Miller steady work, regardless of formation.

Peacock was one of two Sooner freshmen to play on the OU varsity last fall when there was something at stake, sharing playing time with Grant Burget. The Miami, Fla., native outrushed Burget 428 to 379 and lived up to all his advance billing.

Switzer tends to throw cold water on the Peacock-Washington comparisons, preferring to not yet label Elvis "a great back."

"I consider the Washingtons and Pruitts great backs," Switzer smiles. "They make yardage when there is no hole. Peacock is a different type of runner. He's the tough, slashing type. A power back. He can run north and south. And he has the ignition and speed to run away from people in the secondary."

Okay, then, only a good back by Oklahoma standards.

The second team backs on *The Big Eight*'s all-sophomore outfit are two very fine Wishbone halfbacks, Bill Campfield of Kansas (207 yards as a freshman on the KU varsity) and Skip Taylor (296 yards as an Oklahoma State freshman) and the fullback of the future at Nebraska, 6-2, 210-pound Dody Donnell, who must wait his turn behind Tony Davis.

At Mizzou, they are quietly saying they feel 175-pound Joe Stewart, a part-time I-back and full-time kick return specialist as a freshman in '74, could be another Johnny Rodgers at slotback. Stewart produced 820 yards' worth of all-purpose running (rushing, receiving, kickoff and punt returns) as a freshman on the MU varsity, making him a landslide choice at one of the two wide-out spots on the all-soph team.

Nebraska isn't talking about another Johnny Rodgers at wingback, just a replacement for graduated '74 standout Don Westbrook, who didn't blossom until his senior year. The Huskers have one, too, in Curtis Craig, a heralded Davenport, Ia., product whose freshman year was short-circuited by injuries. Craig was supposed to battle ex-quarterback Earl Everett at wingback this spring, but Everett was hurt most of the spring. Craig, though, was so impressive that he might have turned the competition into a shambles anyway.

Gerald Bain, a 6-2, 185-pounder from Hollywood, Fla., led Oklahoma State in receiving as a freshman, averaging 21 yards per reception for 16 catches. OSU coaches say they expect Bain someday to be an all-American candidate. At the very least, he is now clearly the best of the soph wide receivers in the Big Eight.

The player who might be number two among soph receivers wasn't even enrolled at a Big Eight school in the spring. That's Kansas-bound Richard McAuliffe, the nation's No. 5 receiver as a freshman last fall at Dodge City, Kan., J.C. A native of Baltimore, the 6-1, 175-pound McAuliffe was originally headed for Michigan when he decided on Kansas instead and skipped out for a year of Juco football first.

Offensive line play is often the most difficult assignment for young players, so it isn't surprising to find only a handful of sophomores among the probable starters from tackle-to-tackle in the league.

Yet there appears to be an abundance of fine interior line prospects.

James Taylor, a 6-4, 250-pounder, came out of nowhere at Missouri to challenge in the spring of his freshman year for a starting job at tackle in the Tigers' offensive line. And if MU was to play tomorrow, Taylor would be a starter. "Taylor never played in a varsity game last fall," a Missouri source reported. "Everybody was very high on him when he came in here, but he just didn't move up. This spring, though, he went out and laid low some pretty fair veteran offensive tackles," including second-team All-Big Eight tackle D.W. Johnston.

Joining Taylor across the front line on the all-soph interior are

Floyd Dorsey, a starter in five varsity games as a freshman at Kansas State; 6-3, 244-pound Steve Hakes of Colorado, a red-shirt who won a starting job by the time the Buffs went to Michigan for the second game last fall, but was clipped on punt coverage against the Wolverines, had to undergo knee surgery and was out the entire year; 6-3, 242-pound Nebraska red-shirt Tom Davis, the heir-apparent to Rik Bonness at center; and 6-4, 246-pound Husker soph Stan Waldemore, another red-shirt who has had greatness written all over him since he enrolled two years ago from Belleview, N.J. Waldemore, a defensive tackle at one time, didn't move up as quickly as anticipated in the spring, but he could challenge for a starting role any time.

Almost all of the second-teamers fall into the same category—tackles Bob Hayes (Nebraska) and Rich Summers (Kansas); guard Jaime Melendez (Oklahoma) and Willie Brock (Colorado, he's center Pete's little brother at 6-3, 264); and center Randy Wepler (Missouri). Melendez was the heir-apparent to John Roush at a guard spot in the Sooner line but he didn't have a great spring and could start out on the second unit if Chez Evans moves there from tackle.

The list doesn't stop there. Great things are also expected from tackles like Oklahoma's Karl Baldischwiler (6-5, 215) and Jeff Ward (6-5, 225), Kansas' Frank Osborn (6-4, 250) and Colorado's Matt Miller (6-5, 266), but all are still in the developmental stage.

Although nobody in the defensive line is likely to be as much of a factor as sophomores as the Selmons, for example, were two years ago, there's some dynamite talent. Oklahoma's Richard Murray has a chance to oust returning starter Anthony Bryant at the only non-Selmon spot in the middle of OU's line. The Greenvillem, Tex., youngster's potential would appear to be nearly unlimited.

"I don't want to say he can or can't be another Selmon," Switzer says, "because I don't see how there can ever be anybody better than LeRoy and Dewey. Murray is potentially a great player. But, like most sophomores, he needs to learn to be more aggressive—to be a more reckless player."

The soph defender most recognized in the Big Eight is 6-5, 265-pound Iowa State tackle Mike Stensrud, who had his best moments as a freshman against Oklahoma. The other players on the all-soph front five are new to starting roles: Kansas' Tom Dinkel and Oklahoma State's Daria Butler at ends and Kansas' Jim Emerson at nose guard. Emerson was a heralded KU recruit a year ago as an offensive tackle, but between the time he signed and when he enrolled, he ballooned from 264 to 300 pounds. End of productive freshman year for Emerson. Back at 260, he did everything new coach Bud Moore asked at nose guard in the spring. "Emerson has a little quickness. He can run," promises a KU assistant. Oklahoma State had one of the better pairs of defensive ends in the league a year ago in Jesse Hudson and Tony Buck. They'll lack the depth this time around, but as an individual, OSU coaches feel the 6-3, 196-pound Butler will be better than either of last year's starters.

Lance Van Zandt, the assistant head coach on the new Kansas staff and the defensive coordinator a year ago at Oklahoma State, feels the Butler-Dinkel combination would be a perfect blend for any team.

"They're different types of ends," Van Zandt says. "Tom was one of our better football players this spring. He has the strength to really handle the tight end. He has played a great deal. I don't think of him as just a sophomore. Daria can run like the devil. He has the great speed and is a natural to play the open side of the field. I'd like to have 'em both."

Two tackles who will play are Colorado's Jackie Thornton, down from the 330 he enrolled at last fall to 288 and headed for 275, even if it means he doesn't go home in the summer to his mother's good cooking in Farmington, N.M., Mallory insists, and Missouri's Keith Morrissey, a 6-4, 215-pounder who climbed past two veteran middle guards moved to tackle to bolster what some thought might be a weak spot in terms of depth for the Tigers. Not any more.

It is now obvious last year's recruiting season was a banner one in the Big Eight for defensive backs. All four secondary hands on the all-soph team are "true" sophomores and all but Nebraska's Ted Harvey played extensively on the varsity level as freshmen.

Zac Henderson, a regular as a freshman, is now the acknowledged leader of the Sooner secondary following the graduation of strong safety Randy Hughes.

Tom Fitch probably would have started at a corner for KU last year, but injuries sidelined him. He's healthy now, though, and his fine play enabled the new Kansas staff to experiment with veteran cornerback Eddie Lewis, who was at split end in the spring and will be at free safety in the fall if Nolan Cromwell goes to quarterback.

"Unless I miss my guess, Willie Lester will be the best cornerback we've had," says Oklahoma State coach Jim Stanley of the 6-3, 188-pound all-soph team choice.

If he wasn't lined up behind Wonder Monds at monster, Nebraska's Kent Smith might now be acclaimed as one of the two sophs in the secondary. As it is now, he may have to wait a year for a full trial.

Oklahoma State safeties Joe Avanzini (coming off a back injury) and Jerry Cramer and Colorado's Mike Cilento, a red-shirted cornerback, and Randy Westendorf, a reckless monster (Apache back, in CU's system), and Nebraska's Larry Valasek are other soph defensive backs who could make a move.

There are those at Nebraska who feel Harvey may be difficult to dislodge from the Husker starting lineup once he gets a chance there in Nebraska's opener with LSU, in which veteran Jim Burrow is prohibited from playing because of a one-game penalty assessed against him and three other one-time NU transfers by the NCAA for having made bowl-game trips during red-shirt seasons.

The secondary is completed by Missouri's Jim Leavitt, who played behind Tony Gillick in the Tiger secondary last year and started some late in the season.

ALL BIG 8 SOPHOMORE TEAM

OFFENSIVE 2nd TEAM

Pos.	Name	Hometown	Ht.	Wt.	College
SE	Richard McAuliffe,	Baltimore, MD	6-1	175	KU
T	Rick Summers,	Pompton Plains, NJ	6-4	250	KU
G	Willie Brock,	Bakersfield, CA	6-3	264	CU
C	Randy Wepler,	Liberty, MO	6-5	235	MU
G	Jaime Melendez,	Lawton, OK	6-1	246	OU
T	Matt Miller,	Durango, CO	6-6	266	CU
WB	Curtis Craig,	Davenport, IA	5-10	182	NU
QB	Buddy Hardeman,	Auburn, NY	6-0	181	ISU
QB	Joe Hatcher,	Denver, CO	6-1	191	KSU
RB	Skip Taylor,	Cincinnati, OH	5-11	176	OSU
RB	Dody Donnell,	Hackensack, NJ	6-2	210	NU
RB	Billy Campfield,	Derby, KS	6-1	190	KU

DEFENSIVE 2nd TEAM

E	Terry Sherman,	New Orleans, LA	6-3	210	OU
L	Keith Morrissey,	Gallatin, MO	6-4	215	MU
L	Jackie Thornton,	Farmington, NM	6-4	280	CU
L	Harvey Johnson,	Tulsa, OK	6-5	215	OU
E	Mark Krupicka,	Odessa, TX	6-5	211	CU
LB	Bill Dalke,	Hobart, OK	6-2	215	OU
LB	Jim Wightman,	Omaha, NE	6-3	213	NU
DB	Joe Avanzini,	Coalgate, OK	6-2	186	OSU
DB	Kent Smith,	Thief River Falls, MN	6-1	193	NU
DB	Terry Peters,	Pauls Valley, OK	6-0	178	OU
DB	Ted Harvey,	Lexington, NE	5-10	165	NU

FRESHMAN HARVEST

The pressures of the 30 limit have placed a premium on these yearlings.

By **AL ESCHBACH** *Oklahoma Journal*

YOU WOULD NEED Sherlock Holmes to solve this case. And even he would have scratched his head and wondered, "What has happened, my dear Watson?"

Alfred Hitchcock would have loved the intrigue. Rod Serling would probably have told you that you were in the Twilight Zone.

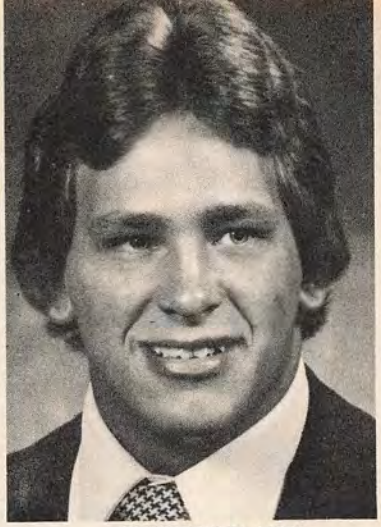
Yes, when you think of some of the recruiting episodes in the Big Eight the past winter, there are several mysteries that are still unsolved. The scripts were perfect. The setting was beautiful. And some folks are still trying to figure out what happened . . . and how.

The "HOW" is the big word in these mysteries:

HOW did the University of Oklahoma raid Texas for its top talent?

HOW did Kansas do so well in state after a slow start?

KIRK TUSHAUS (KU)



JOHN RUUD (NU)

MIKE WOODFIN (KSU)

BILLY SIMS (OU)

HOW did Colorado get so many talented performers in California, after early in-state losses to USC, Arkansas and CSU?

HOW was Kansas State able to recruit after Ellis Rainsberger's late arrival at Christmas?

HOW did Oklahoma State scoop up a number of top blue-chippers in Oklahoma right under the nose of OU?

HOW did Iowa State lure prep All-American Dexter Green away from the eastern powers?

HOW did Nebraska land eight super blue chips plus one national magazine's Lineman of the Year?

HOW did Missouri do so well, despite losing several All-Americans from the St. Louis area?

If we look at the entire recruiting picture, Oklahoma clearly inked the best harvest in the conference followed closely by Nebraska. Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma State and Missouri all had good years, and coaches at Iowa State and Kansas State are very pleased with some of the individual talents they signed.

Oklahoma's biggest haul was in Texas. The Sooners went prospecting in the Lone Star State and returned with a bigger bargain than oil by getting such blue-chippers as halfback Billy Sims, linemen Phil and Paul Tabor, tight end Victor Hicks and linebacker Greg Roberts, plus an assortment of other stars.

"We just used our national championship to great advantage in Texas," says Barry Switzer. "Also our coaches worked very hard. We've never recruited as well in Texas as we did this year."

Nebraska got two consensus All-American linebackers in Willie Young of Jersey City, N.J., and John Ruud of Bloomington, Minn. But it was an easier task than it might sound. Ruud's brother Tom just graduated from Nebraska to the pro ranks and Willie's older brother, Larry, is a sophomore linebacker at Nebraska.

Colorado lost some top players in its home state, but did quite well on the west coast. The Buffs are bragging about Los Angeles linemen Reuban Vaughan and Scott Krogstad who were stolen from USC and UCLA.

Oklahoma State coach Jim Stanley says he outrecruited OU in the state. He pulled standout prospects like Gerald Green, Charles Loggins, Jim Clark and Chipp Latham away from the Sooners.

Kansas got the signatures of two of the top line prospects in the country when it signed homegrown Kurt Tushaus and Dennis Balagna.

Missouri lost such St. Louis standouts as Jerome Heavens (Notre Dame), Cleveland Crosby (Purdue) and Ben Cowins (Arkansas), but still the Tigers did well. Two of their prize catches were Steve Hamilton of St. Louis and Chris Garlich of Kansas City.

Kansas State got a late start because Rainsberger did not replace Vince Gibson until the week before Christmas. But the Cats came on strong near the end to get some people who could help immediately.

Iowa State came away with one of the biggest gems on the east coast when it persuaded flashy Dexter Green to come to Ames. Earle Bruce thinks it might be one of the biggest steals of the year.

Oklahoma leads the way on the Big Eight Magazine's annual "Freshman Harvest" with five players on the first team. Nebraska follows with four players.

Heading the offensive team is Billy Sims, who sounds almost like a fictional character who was created in Hooks, Texas. The 6-0, 194-pound jet was the subject of the wildest recruiting race in the southwest part of the country. It's easy to understand why.

Although banged and bruised up almost all season, and a marked man in every game, he still rushed for an amazing 2,885 yards. For his star-spangled career at Hooks, he carried 1,128 times and gained 7,738 yards and scored 516 points.

"Billy is the greatest high school running back that I have ever seen," said his high school coach, Jack Coleman. "He has speed (4.4 in the 40), power and moves. Every major school in the country wanted him. Even on two strained knees in a game

OFFENSE

Pos.	Name	Hometown	Ht	Wt	Speed	College
TE	Mike Edwards,	Plant City, FL	6-3	210	4.6	Oklahoma St
T	Kirk Tushaus,	Kansas City, KS	6-3	230	4.8	Kansas
G	Mark Goodspeed,	Leawood, KS	6-5	220	4.8	Nebraska
C	Scott Krogstad,	Glendora, CA	6-6	225	4.9	Colorado
G	Ralph Meckstroth,	Cincinnati, OH	6-4	240	5.0	Iowa State
G	Willie Young,	Jersey City, NJ	6-1	215	4.8	Nebraska
SE	Ken Brown,	Cincinnati, OH	5-11	180	4.5	Nebraska
QB	Thomas Lott,	San Antonio, TX	5-11	180	4.6	Oklahoma
RB	Gerald Green,	Purcell, OK	5-11	180	4.5	Oklahoma
RB	Dexter Green,	Woodbridge, VA	5-10	180	4.5	Iowa State
RB	Billy Sims,	Hooks, TX	6-0	194	4.5	Oklahoma
RB	Mike Woodfin,	Topeka, KS	5-11	175	4.5	Kansas State

DEFENSE

DE	Calvin Cook,	Camden, NJ	6-3	220	4.9	Kansas State
T	Phil Tabor,	Houston, TX	6-4	220	5.0	Oklahoma
NG	Dennis Balagna,	Kansas City, MO	6-3	250	4.8	Kansas
T	Reuban Vaughan,	Los Angeles, CA	6-4	244	4.9	Colorado
DE	Steve Hamilton,	St. Louis, MO	6-4	234	4.8	Missouri
LB	John Ruud,	Bloomington, MN	6-2	205	4.9	Nebraska
LB	Greg Roberts,	Nacogdoches, TX	6-4	230	4.8	Oklahoma
LB	Chris Garlich,	Kansas City, MO	6-2	215	4.6	Missouri
LB	Tom Boskey,	Chicago, IL	6-2	210	4.9	Iowa State
DB	Tim Roberts,	Arvada, CO	5-1	175	4.6	Colorado
DB	Greg Byram,	Norman, OK	6-3	175	4.5	Oklahoma
Spec.	Bobby Bass,	Omaha, NE	5-6	150	4.5	Kansas

BULLETIN: Mike Woodfin of Topeka signed a National Letter of Intent with Kansas State. Woodfin had been undecided between the Wildcats and Ohio State.

against Bowie in the state quarterfinals, he rushed for 237 yards. A lot of people say he's like O.J. Simpson."

Switzer is very enthused about Sims.

"Billy Sims doesn't have any flaws. He's like a thoroughbred the way he runs. He'll help us immediately this year."

Joining Sims in this dream backfield are running backs Dexter Green of Woodbridge, Va. (Iowa State), Gerald Green of Purcell, Okla. (Oklahoma State) and Mike Woodfin of Topeka. The quarterback is Thomas Lott of Houston, Tex. (Oklahoma).

Iowa State hopefuls are calling Dexter Green another Joe Washington. That's saying quite a bit. But this quick-moving halfback has the stats to back him up. All that he did at Garfield High School was rush for 2,368 yards in his career. He crossed the goal line for 19 touchdowns his senior year.

"You have to see Dexter to believe him," says Garfield coach Bob Pruett. "His moves are out of this world. He has a lot of savvy and is impossible to bring down in the open field. He should be able to play quite a bit as a freshman."

"I would compare Green's ability to Washington's because he has similar speed and great acceleration," praised Iowa State's recruiting coordinator John Wiley.

The second Green in this backfield is Gerald. This Green was a two-time state champ in the 100-yard dash and as a senior led Purcell to the state 2A championship.

"Texas and Southern Cal recruiters rate Green equal to Sims," said one OSU coach. "Green is a better outside runner and Sims is better inside. Green is the closest thing to Joe Washington to ever come out of Oklahoma."

Jim Stanley has quite a bit of praise for the fleet-footed halfback. "We think he was the best halfback in Oklahoma this year. He is going to be a super college player."

"He's the best I've ever coached," says Purcell coach Milt Bassett of this 5-10, 170-pounder with 4.4 speed in the 40. "He doesn't have a lot of moves, but his acceleration is truly amazing."

As the Big Eight Magazine was going to press, Woodfin had not yet signed a national letter of intent. He inked a Big Eight pact with Kansas State and a Big Ten letter with Ohio State, but the Wildcats are optimistic.

Woodfin is a 5-11, 175-pound speed merchant who has been clocked at 9.6 for the 100. He gained 938 yards as a senior and in one contest actually raced for 325 yards. That's a pretty good reason to bring Woody Hayes to Topeka.

"I think he was the best running back in Kansas," said coach Warren Dobry. "Once he hits daylight, he's gone. He has great moves. He'll kill you both inside and outside. The reason why he didn't get as much attention as some of the other people around the country is because he had some grade problems. But at the end of the year he got those straightened out."

Lott follows OU-bound predecessors Kerry Jackson and Dean Blevins as quarterback on the freshman harvest. Oklahoma coaches don't refrain from complimenting this young man.

"He was the best high school wishbone quarterback in the country," said OU recruiting chief Jerry Pettibone.

This 5-11, 175-pounder was named to the Parade and Family Weekly All-American squads. As a senior he rushed for over 1,000 yards and passed for 600 more. He runs the 100 in 9.9.

"There wasn't a better wishbone quarterback in Texas. I don't think anyone will argue about that," said Lott's prep coach Gene Van Cleave. "Every Southwest Conference team was after him. So were USC, Colorado, Kansas State, Missouri, LSU, Notre Dame and Arizona State.

"You won't see a more exciting quarterback. His moves are somethin' else. He's a good passer and will get better. He's a thing of beauty to watch.

"We moved him to quarterback the second game of the season during his junior year. He did a great job. The game before he rushed for 196 yards as a halfback."

Named as receivers on the team are split end Ken Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio (Nebraska) and tight end Mike Edwards of Plant City, Fla. (Oklahoma State).

Making up the interior are tackles Kirk Tushaus of Kansas City (Kansas) and Willie Young of Jersey City, N.J. (Nebraska). The guards are Mark Goodspeed of Kansas City (Nebraska) and Ralph Meckstroth of Cincinnati (Iowa State). Scott Krogstad of Los Angeles (Colorado) mans the center position.

The Huskers think they landed one of the top receiving prospects in the country in Brown. High school coach Ken Haupt agrees. "Brown is one of the best athletes ever to come out of Cincinnati. He was also an all-state basketball selection. He's a super split receiver," Haupt said.

"There were 70 to 80 schools who were recruiting him. People like Notre Dame, Michigan, Tennessee, Iowa State and Colorado were after him. I'll tell you, he's a real game breaker."

Brown is 5-11½ via 180 pounds. He has run the 40 in 4.5. During the past year he caught 45 passes and averaged 22.3 yards on every catch. He scored seven touchdowns.

Oklahoma State thinks Edwards could step into a starting position at tight end next year. He's that good.

"He has super strength and great speed," said one Oklahoma State assistant. "We think that he's going to help us immediately. He was one of the top players in Florida."

Indeed Edwards is strong and fast. He can bench press 425 pounds and runs the 40 in 4.6.

Tushaus established himself as one of the best linemen in Kansas City last year.

"He's probably the fastest lineman I've ever coached," said prep coach Len Mohlman. "He had better techniques than any other lineman in Kansas. We ran 85 per cent of our plays over him and Bill O'Gara (Oklahoma). Every Big Eight school recruited him and so did all the Southwest Conference teams. There were about 60 schools after him."

Young was named to just about every All-American team and that's why the Huskers were so proud to get his signature. As a junior he was named as an All-American center and last year he was named as a linebacker, and was Parade Magazine's Lineman of the Year!

"Willie was the best around this part of the country," said Lincoln High coach Harold Massey. "He could play anywhere. One game we ran a quarterback sneak behind him and we went 65 yards for a touchdown.

"There were over 100 schools after him. He narrowed it down to Southern Cal, Oklahoma State, Purdue and Nebraska. He has great speed." Young moves his 6-2½, 215-pound frame in 4.6 in the 40.

Goodspeed has thrown the discus 188 feet and the shot 61-1½. "I thought he was one of the best in the nation," praised coach Al this Nebraska-bound athlete who, at 6-6, 240 pounds, runs the 40 in 4.7. "There were only three super prospects we thought we lost this year. One was Dennis Grindinger (Notre Dame), another was Tony Nathan (Alabama) and the third was Goodspeed," said Pettibone.

Goodspeed has thrown the discus 188 feet and the shot 61-1½. "I thought he was one of the best in the nation," praised coach Al Davis.

The other guard is Meckstroth, a 6-6, 225-pound muscular specimen. Ralph could not make entrance requirements last year and spent a season at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

"He's a 'can't miss' prospect as an offensive lineman," says one Iowa State recruiter. "He was great upper body strength."

Honored as the center is Krogstad, who garnered all CIA

accolades as a junior. Not only is this 6-6, 225-pounder an outstanding football player, but he excelled in basketball and ran the hurdles in track. He runs the 40 in 4.9.

"This kid could play at any college in the country," coach Mike Guinn says firmly. "He was the best high school center in California. You wouldn't believe how quick he is getting off the ball. He's strong, too. He bench presses 325 pounds."

So much for the offense. Let's take a close look at some of the stars that make up this year's defensive unit.

Featured in the middle of the line are tackles Phil Tabor of Houston (Oklahoma) and Reuban Vaughan of Los Angeles (Colorado). The nose guard is Dennis Balagna of Kansas City (Kansas).

Tabor has a twin brother, Paul, who was injured most of the year but who has also accepted a scholarship to Oklahoma. The pair stand 6-4 and weigh 240. They run the 40 in 5.0.

"Phil had a better year because Paul was hurt. But I think they are about equal in ability," says Houston Spring Branch coach Gerald Ripkowsky. "I didn't see any better linemen this year in Texas.

"Phil threw the discus 188 feet this spring. Paul just had a shoulder operation and came out and threw it 170 feet. Everyone wanted them, including Alabama and Notre Dame. I'll tell you something else. They're extra tough because they have a little mean streak in 'em."

Vaughan is the dream of every defensive coach. He has 240 pounds to go with his 6-3 frame. It only takes him 4.8 seconds to finish a 40-yard dash.

"He averaged 15 to 16 tackles a game this year," his prep coach Ellis Keith said. "He was the best lineman I saw. Southern Cal and UCLA really wanted him badly. He'll be a definite three-year starter in college."

Balagna's high school coach Dan Stanley doesn't waste words with this standout. "He is the best high school defensive player I have ever seen," Stanley said. "He's 6-3, 250 pounds and runs the 40 in 4.9. We used him some at fullback.

"I doubt if any other lineman was more highly recruited than Dennis. They came from the west and east coasts. If he didn't make a tackle, he was in on it."

Balagna, who benches 365 pounds, blocked seven punts during the campaign.

As impressive as these trenchmen are, the best defensive lineman to sign with a Big Eight school may well be Jim Clark of Tulsa Kelley who inked with OSU. At 6-7, 240, this two-time state wrestling champ is ". . . potentially a big LeRoy Selmon," according to several recruiting coordinators. Clark prefers wrestling and may forego his football eligibility; however, the Cowboys think otherwise.

Taking spots as defensive ends are Calvin Cooper of Camden, N.J. (Kansas State) and Steve Hamilton of St. Louis (Missouri).

K-State won out in the battle for the services of Cooper over Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, South Carolina and Kentucky.

"This guy is like a truck coming at you," said Camden coach Andy Hinson. "He likes to wreck offensive linemen. That's what he does best. He averaged about 12 tackles a game."

Cooper has all the tools. He's 6-4, 270 pounds and sprints the 40 in 4.9.

One of Missouri's coups was inking Hamilton. This 6-5, 235-pounder was regarded as the top defensive player in the St. Louis area. He was a pretty busy youngster during his senior year. He had 101 individual tackles, assisted on 17 others and sacked the quarterback 19 times.

"He was definitely the best in St. Louis," said one rival coach of this prospect who runs the 40 in 4.8. "Every time you saw him, he had his arms around the ball carrier."

There is no lack of talent among the linebacking brigade. Featured are John Ruud of Bloomington, Minn. (Nebraska), Greg Roberts of Nacogdoches, Tex. (Oklahoma), Chris Garlich of Kansas City (Missouri) and Tom Boskey of Chicago (Iowa State).

Ruud's brother, Tom, was the first linebacker in the country to be selected in the pro draft. John was regarded as one of the top prep linebackers in the country. His 6-3, 212 pounds and 4.8 speed in the 40 had something to do with that.

"I think he's as good a prospect as Tom was," said Bruno Waldner, who coached both brothers. "He has it all—size, speed and great range. John is a little bigger than Tom was in high school. That's to his advantage. He's going to be a great one. He was in on 17 tackles a game."

There were many football buffs in Texas who thought Greg Roberts, an All-American pick, was the best linebacking prospect in Texas. Nacogdoches coach Buddy Williams is one of these.

"I think every college coach in the Southwest Conference thought Greg was the best in the state. What more could you want from a linebacker? He's 6-4, weighs 240 pounds and runs the 40 in 4.8. He has super range."

"We think that Greg could help us as a freshman," added OU defensive skipper Larry Lacewell. "He's that good."

Garlich was one of the top athletes in the Kansas City area. Proof of this is the fact he high jumped 6-10 and long jumped 25-1. He's another who runs the 40 in 4.8.

"Everyone from Notre Dame to the Ivy League was after him," said Rockhurst coach Al Davis. "He went both ways for us. There weren't many better athletes than Chris."

The fourth linebacker is Boskey. His prep coach, Mike McDonough, said he thought this 6-2, 215-pounder was the No. 1 linebacker in Illinois.

"I'm not the only one who thought that way. So did most of the coaches in Chicago. He has super quickness and runs the 40 in 4.7," McDonough said. "Every Big Ten team wanted him and so did Colorado and Kansas State."

The two defensive backs are Gregg Byram of Norman, Okla. (Oklahoma) and Tim Roberts of Denver (Colorado). Bobby Bass of Omaha rounds out the team as a kick return specialist for Kansas.

"Byram was the best athlete in Oklahoma. We also consider him as one of the premier backs in the country. I don't think too many people who follow Oklahoma football would argue about him being the No. 1 halfback prospect in Oklahoma," says Barry Switzer.

Byram, who was named to blue-chip teams in football, basketball and track, is 6-2 and weighs 180 pounds. He easily does a 4.4 in the 40. He holds the state record in the 330 intermediate hurdles with a clocking of 37.9.

Roberts is another splendid hurdler.

"Tim had the second fastest time in the nation in the low hurdles going around a curve. He ran it in 18.9 and ran the high hurdles in 14.0," said prep coach Brian McGregor. "Colorado thinks he will be able to play as a defensive halfback as a freshman."

We saved the smallest until last.

Bass is only a 5-6, 150-pounder with 4.5 speed in the 40. But Bobby shows that size isn't everything. All that he did was break all the rushing records in Omaha formerly held by none other than Johnny Rodgers. That's pretty good company.

"There were some who said that Bobby isn't big enough to play major college ball," said one rival coach in Omaha. "They're going to be made fools of. I've watched this kid play, and he performs magic with a football. I've never seen anyone with moves like his. He was more elusive than Rodgers in high school."

CHRIS GARLICH (MU)

CALVIN COOK (KSU)

DENNIS BALAGNA (KU)

KEN BROWN (NU)

BIG EIGHT FRESHMEN ROSTERS

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

TE	VICTOR HICKS, Oklahoma
T	PAT McLAUGHLIN, Oklahoma State
T	KEITH BISHOP, Nebraska
C	RON ROSS, Oklahoma
G	RANDY KOCH, Iowa State
T	FRANKLIN KING, Kansas
SE	CHARLES BURGE, Missouri
QB	MARK CAPRA, Missouri
RB	MARTI WOLEVER, Nebraska
RB	STEVE STEPHENS, Oklahoma State
RB	MIKE GAITHER, Oklahoma
RB	JAMES MAYBERRY, Colorado

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DE	JIM DAVIDSON, Kansas State
T	MARK WILSON, Oklahoma
NG	ROD HORN, Nebraska
DE	BRIAN McCABE, Colorado
LB	KELLEN WINSLOW, Missouri
LB	CHARLES LOGGINS, Oklahoma St
LB	LEE KUNZ, Nebraska
DB	KENNY KING, Oklahoma
DB	GREG SEARCY, Kansas State
DB	CHIPP LATHAM, Oklahoma State
DB	BUD HEBERT, Oklahoma

KANSAS STATE

ENDS Ron Hudson (6-3, 230, 5.0) Kansas City, MO; Richard Korem (6-4, 190, 4.8) Hammond, IN; Greg Orr (6-3, 198, 4.9) York, PA.

LINEMEN Mike Bodolus (6-3, 218, 5.0) Pottstown, PA; Randy Burns (6-4, 235, 5.1) Independence, KS; John Cherry (6-3, 225, 4.9) Bethany, OK; Calvin Cook (6-3, 215, 4.9) Camden, NJ; Jim Davidson (6-4, 230, 4.8) Racine, WI; Jim Haskell (6-6, 220, 5.1) Papillion, NE; Rob Houchin (6-4, 225, 5.1) Wichita, KS; Mitch Hull (6-3, 200, 4.9) Evansville, WI; Chester Jeffery, Jr. (6-5, 255, 5.1) Kenosha, WI; Dave Kuklenski (6-0, 235, 5.0) Kansas City, KS; Jeff McHugh (6-4, 240, 5.2) Milwaukee, WI; Tom Showalter (6-4, 215, 5.0) Geneva, IL; Brian Turner (6-2, 195, 4.9) Independence, KS; Walt Wywadis (6-4, 260, 5.3) Mt. Carmel, PA.

LINEBACKER Denis Christenson (6-1, 210, 5.0) Madison, WI.

QUARTERBACKS Brad Horchem (6-0, 180, 4.7) Ness City, KS; Greg Jackson (6-4½, 200, 4.9) Omaha, NE.

BACKS Morris Bibb (6-1, 208, 4.7) Centralia, IL; Tony Brown (6-0, 185, 4.6) Caney, KS; Frank Greene (6-1, 230, 4.7) Camden, NJ; James Mack (6-1, 175, 4.6) Tulsa, OK; George Myers (6-1, 15, 4.7) Cincinnati, OH; Greg Searcy (6-1½, 180, 4.5) Wyoming, OH; Mike Woodfin (5-11, 175, 4.5) Topeka, KS.

IOWA STATE

ENDS Pat Henricksen (6-4, 210, 4.9) Clinton, IA; Otis Rodgers (6-4, 230, 4.8) Tampa, FL; Tom Buck (5-11, 178, 4.6) Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

LINEMEN Joe Seymour (6-3, 240, 5.1) Indianola, IA; Tom Stonerook (6-2½, 225, 5.2) Chicago, IL; Ray Amos (6-2½, 215, 4.9) Warren, OH; Ralph Meckstroth (6-4, 240, 5.0) Cincinnati, OH; Tom Roloson (6-3, 235, 5.2) Vestal, NY; John Gurka (6-2, 230, 5.0) Joliet, IL.

LINEBACKERS Mark Settle (6-3, 230, 5.0) Nevada, IA; Tom Boskey (6-2, 210, 4.9) Chicago, IL; Nate Parker (6-3, 205, 4.9) Brooklyn, NY; Mike Clemons (6-1, 190, 4.6) Chicago, IL; Greg Meckstroth (6-3, 190, 4.8) Cincinnati, OH; Greg Pittman (6-3, 218, 4.7) San Antonio, FL; Jimmy Randolph (6-2, 180, 4.7) Jacksonville, FL; Brian Lantz (6-1, 200, 4.8) Monroe Center, IL.

QUARTERBACKS Terry Rubley (6-2, 170, 4.8) Davenport, IA; Stan Hixon (5-10, 170, 4.7) Lakeland, FL.

BACKS Randy Koch (6-4, 240, 4.9) Charter Oak, IA; Tom Perticone (5-11, 180, 4.8) Clairton, PA; Mike Tucci (6-0, 205, 4.8) Caledonia, NY; Ray Dieckmeyer (6-1, 215, 4.8) St. Louis, MO; Ray Hardee (5-11, 175, 4.7) Mulberry, FL; Dexter Green (5-10, 180, 4.5) Woodbridge, VA; Jeff Curry (5-10, 190, 4.6) Cincinnati, OH.

KANSAS

ENDS Willis Adams (6-3, 180, 4.5) Schulenburg, TX; Richard McAuliffe (6-1, 180, 4.6) Baltimore, MD.

LINEMEN Dennis Balagna (6-3, 250, 4.8) Kansas City, MO; Dave Fletcher (6-3, 250, 4.8) Kansas City, MO; Joe Gordon (6-4, 250, 4.8) New Orleans, LA; Franklin King (6-2, 255, 4.9) Pocatello, ID; Sid Mitchell (6-1, 240, 4.9) Brazosport, TX; Jim Ragsdale (6-2, 220, 4.9) Kansas City, MO; Kirk Tushaus (6-3, 230, 4.8) Kansas City, KS; Greg Woods (6-3, 230, 4.9) Ottawa, KS.

LINEBACKERS Ralph Branning (6-2, 215, 4.8) Tampa, FL; Tony Corazzin (6-2, 195, 4.9) Kansas City, KS; James Haywood (6-3, 215, 4.8) Houston, TX; James Jackson (6-4, 225, 4.9) Larinburg, NC; Lloyd Sobeck (6-3, 215, 4.7) Lee's Summit, MO; Jim Zidd (6-2, 210, 4.8) Cleveland, OH.

QUARTERBACKS Ron Becker (6-2, 180, 4.8) Haysville, KS; Mike Ettel (6-3, 200, 4.7) Jeffersonville, IN; Mark Lissak (6-0, 165, 4.7) Homewood, IL; Mark Vicendese (6-1, 175, 4.7) Berkeley, NJ.

BACKS Norris Banks (6-3, 210, 4.7) Houston, TX; Bobby Bass (5.6, 150, 4.5) Omaha, NE; Ronnie Hall (5-10, 175, 4.7) Angleton, TX; Sorrell Harvey (5-9, 165, 4.6) St. Louis, MO; John Landino (6-2, 190, 4.7) Cleveland, OH; James Radcliffe (6-1, 200, 4.6) Clifton, NJ; Talmadge Tanks (5-11, 185, 4.7) Martinsville, VA; Tim Willey (6-2, 195, 4.7) Houston, TX.

OKLAHOMA

ENDS Kent Bradford (6-3, 230, 5.0) Oklahoma City, OK; Bud Hebert (6-0, 185, 4.4) Beaumont TX; Victor Hicks (6-4, 230, 4.7) Lubbock, TX; Reggie Mathis (6-3, 205, 4.6) Chattanooga, TN (Juco).

LINEMEN Alvin Dixon (6-1, 240, 4.8) Conroe, TX; Reggie Kinlaw (6-2, 212, 4.7) Miami, FL; Bill O'Gara (6-3, 230, 5.1) Shawnee Mission, KS; Ron Ross (6-5, 235, 4.8) Tulsa, OK; Paul Tabor (6-4, 220, 5.0) Houston, TX; Phil Tabor (6-4, 220, 5.0) Houston, TX; John Trest (6-6, 250, 5.0) Altus, OK; Mark Wilson (6-5, 220, 5.0) Dallas, TX.

LINEBACKERS Barry Dittman (6-1, 205, 4.8) Houston, TX; Daryl Hunt (6-4, 200, 4.9) Odessa, TX; Douglas Morgan (6-2, 205, 4.6) Baton Rouge, LA; Greg Roberts (6-4, 230, 4.8) Nacogdoches, TX; Greg Sellmyer (6-2, 190, 4.6) Amarillo, TX.

TIM ROBERTS (CU)

CHARLES LOGGINS (OSU)

GREGG BYRAM (OU)

WILLIE YOUNG (NU)

QUARTERBACKS Tony Antone (6-3, 185, 4.7) Lawton, OK; Thomas Lott (5-11, 180, 4.6) San Antonio, TX.

BACKS Mike Babb (6-2, 187, 4.7) Ada, OK; Gregg Byram (6-3, 175, 4.5) Norman, OK; George Cumby (6-2, 195, 4.6) Tyler, TX; Mike Gaither (6-2, 207, 4.7) Tulsa, OK; Kenneth King (6-0, 190, 4.5) Clarendon, TX; Larry Lawton (6-0, 220, 4.6) Dallas, TX (Juco); Wayne Pettis (6-3, 205, 4.8) Monahans, TX; Woodie Shepherd (6-1, 185, 4.7) Odessa, TX; Billy Sims (6-0, 194, 4.5) Hooks, TX; Jerry Anderson (6-0, 189, 4.5) Murfreesboro, TN (transfer).

KICKER Uwe von Schamann (6-2, 175, 5.2) Fort Worth, TX.

OKLAHOMA STATE

ENDS Bobby Douglas (6-3, 220, 4.8) Tulsa, OK (Juco); Mike Edwards (6-3, 200, 4.6) Plant City, FL; Lorenzo Turner (6-4, 210, 4.5) Rock Island, IL (Juco).

LINEMEN Ron Baker (6-4, 215, 4.7) Gary, IN (Juco); Jim Clark (6-7, 240, 5.0) Tulsa, OK; Don Edwards (6-3, 218, 4.6) Junction City, KS (Juco); Tom Finnerty (6-3, 235, 5.0) Mansfield, OH (Juco); Lacy Guice (6-3, 245, 5.0) Wichita, KS; Larry Jackson (6-3, 225, 4.9) Lawton, OK; Pat McLaughlin (6-5, 250, 5.0) Hoboken, NJ; William Miller (6-2, 240, 5.0) Henderson, TX (Juco); Dave Monroe (6-3, 230, 4.9) Independence, KS; Joe Ristau (6-5, 245, 5.0) Weir, KS (Juco); Bob Siefert (6-4, 240, 5.0) Tampa, FL (Juco); Clint Terrell (6-6, 270, 5.0) Chicago, IL (Juco).

LINEBACKER Tim McManus (6-2, 235, 4.9) Dallas, TX.

QUARTERBACKS Sylvester Berry (6-1, 180, 4.7) Tulsa, OK (transfer); Steve Mixon (6-1, 185, 4.6) Stroud, OK; Randy Stephenson (5-11, 175, 4.7) Shawnee, OK.

BACKS Farland Dindy (6-2, 195, 4.7) Mangum, OK; Gerald Green (5-11, 180, 4.5) Purcell, OK; Chipp Latham (6-1, 190, 4.6) Rush Springs, OK; Charles Loggins (6-2, 210, 4.6) Grandfield, OK; Darnell Scott (6-1, 185, 4.6) Spiro, OK; Steve Stephens (6-3, 223, 4.7) Tampa, FL; Paul Sturdivant (6-0, 210, 5.0) Moore, OK (transfer); Gary Irions (6-4, 205, 4.6) Altus, OK; Clifton Sullivan (6-2, 180, 4.7) West, TX (Juco).

COLORADO

ENDS Steve Williams (6-2, 180, 4.6) Denver, CO; Tim Roberts (6-0, 175, 4.6) Arvada, CO; Steve Gaunty (6-0, 165, 4.4) South Holland, IL; Greg Howard (6-5, 205, 4.8) Littleton, CO; Darrell Troudt (6-1, 210, 4.7) Fort Collins, CO.

LINEMEN Scott Krogstad (6-6, 225, 4.8) Glendora, CA; Paul Butero (6-2, 235, 4.9) Lakewood, CO; Ruben Vaughan (6-4, 237, 4.7) Los Angeles, CA; Phil Kettelson (6-4, 215, 5.0) Monte Vista, CO; Karry Kelley (6-2, 235, 4.9) Oxnard, CO; Gary Hartling (6-3, 225, 4.9) Beaverton, OR; Riley Carrington (6-5, 220, 4.7) Cleveland, TX; Charlie Johnson (6-3, 282, 4.8) West Columbia, TX (Juco); Rick Bryan (6-2, 240, 4.9) La Puente, CA (Juco); Dave Rice (6-4, 217, 4.9) Torrance, CA (Juco); Fran Fredette (6-0, 230, 4.9) Oxnard, CA (Juco).

LINEBACKERS Brian McCabe (6-2, 213, 4.8) Denver, CO; Tom Catt (6-1, 185, 4.7) Grand Junction, CO; Stuart Walker (6-3, 205, 4.7) Rockford, IL; Jeff Lee (6-1, 190, 4.7) Snohomish, WA; Marty Erzinger (6-1, 200, 4.8) Littleton, CO; Nick Colet (6-2, 215, 4.8) Hawthorne, CA (Juco); Bill Muxlow (6-2, 218, 4.8) Bakersfield, CA (Juco).

QUARTERBACK Jeff Austin (6-4, 215, 4.9) South Torrance, CA (Juco).

BACKS James Mayberry (5-11, 190, 4.6) Amarillo, TX; Wayne Thompson (6-5, 215, 4.7) Downey, CA; Howard Ballage (6-1, 180, 4.6) Pueblo, CO; Tony Allen (6-0, 185, 4.6) Bakersfield, CA; Tony Reed (5-11, 195, 4.5) Wichita, KS (Juco); Walter Krushall (6-1, 215, 4.7) Boling, TX (Juco); Mike Davis (6-3, 198, 4.5) Los Angeles, CA (Juco).

NEBRASKA

ENDS Kenneth Brown (5-11, 180, 4.5) Cincinnati, OH; Lawrence Cole (6-2, 200, 4.7) Dayton, OH; Brian Horn (6-3, 180, 4.8) Omaha, NE; John Selko (6-4, 190, 4.7) Lincoln, NE; Tim Smith (6-2, 185, 4.7) Chula Vista, CA; Gordon Thiessen (6-1, 190, 4.6) Lincoln, NE.

LINEMEN Scott Avery (6-5, 232, 4.9) Long Beach, CA (Juco); Keith Bishop (6-4, 220, 4.8) Midland, TX: Barney Cotton (6-4, 205, 4.9) Omaha, NE; Mark Goodspeed (6-5, 220, 4.8) Leawood, KS; John Havekost (6-4, 200, 4.8) Scribner, NE; Rod Horn (6-4, 240, 5.0) Fresno, CA; Oudious Lee (6-2, 205, 4.8) Omaha, NE; Kelvin Roehrs (6-2, 200, 4.8) Lincoln, NE; Dan Steiner (6-3, 215, 4.8) Columbus, NE; Mark Stroh (6-1, 195, 4.7) Omaha, NE; Willie Young (6-1, 215, 4.8) Jersey City, NJ.

LINEBACKERS Bill Holmes (6-1, 190, 4.7) Lincoln, NE; Lee Kunz, Jr. (6-3, 200, 4.7) Lakewood, CO; Dan LaFever (6-2, 205, 4.7) Marinette, WI; Randy Rick (604, 200, 4.7) Dubuque, IA (Juco); John Ruud, (6-2, 205, 4.9) Bloomington, MN.

QUARTERBACKS Vince Ferragamo (6-3, 220, 4.9) Carson, CA (transfer); Mike Kennedy (6-2, 185, 4.9) LeMesa, CA.

BACKS Richard Berns (6-3, 200, 4.5) Wichita Falls, TX; Mike Burton (5.9, 180, 4.6) Omaha, NE; Dirk Bush (6-2, 195, 4.6) Riverton, WY; Gregory Suelter (6-0, 180, 4.6) Ord, NE; Mike Washington (5-11, 220, 4.6) Lincoln, NE; Marti Wolever (6-3, 195, 4.6) Council Bluffs, IA.

MISSOURI

ENDS Charles Burge (6-1, 175, 4.4) Dayton, OH; Scott Harrell (6-3, 215, 4.8) Poplar Bluff, MO; Steve Hamilton (6-4, 234, 4.8) St. Louis, MO; Percy McBride (6-3, 220, 4.8) Fulton, MO (Juco); Steve Parks (6-4, 215, 4.8) Denver, CO; Kellen Winslow (6-4, 215, 4.8) East St. Louis, IL.

LINEMEN Tony Bekemeier (6-2, 240, 5.0) Arnold, MO; Bill Giltner (6-3, 245, 5.1) Colorado Springs, CO; Dave Guender (6-3, 250, 5.1) Philadelphia, PA; Mark Jones (6-3, 240, 4.9) Arenzville, IL; Curtis Kirkland (6-5, 235, 4.8) Gary, IN (Juco); Kurt Petersen (6-4, 230, 4.9) St. Louis, MO; Terry Wingbermuehle (6-5, 225, 4.9) Imperial, MO.

LINEBACKERS Eric Berg (6-2, 210, 4.8) Rolla, MO; Bill Bess (6-3, 218, 4.8) Flat River, MO; Tim Helms (6-2, 220, 4.9) Decatur, IL (Juco).

QUARTERBACKS Mark Capra (6-2, 190, 4.7) Kansas City, MO; Leo Lewis (5-10, 170, 4.7) Columbia, MO; Paul Miller (6-3, 195, 4.8) Weston, MO.

BACKS Curtis Brown (5-10, 190, 4.6) St. Charles, MO (Juco); Russ Calabrese (6-1, 185, 4.5) Chicago, IL; Rich Dansdill (6-4, 225, 4.8) Burlington, IA; Earl Gant (6-3, 214, 4.7) Peoria, IL; Chris Garlich (6-2, 215, .6) Kansas City, MO; Bill McCormick (5-10, 185, 4.7) La Canada, CA; Mark Thomas (5-10, 185, 4.6) Boonville, MO; Dave Williams (6-2, 218, 4.8) Columbia, MO.

"The Defense Looked as Good in the Spring as any since I've Been Here,"

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and pass receiver is crucial in Nebraska's system. It is the breakaway position needed to complement the power running and passing.

"The year after we lost Johnny Rodgers (Heisman Trophy-winning wingback) our offense dropped off 14 points a game. It picked up to around 34 points a game last year when Donnie Westbrook came on strong" Osborne said.

The major concern, however, is replacing linebackers Tom Ruud, Bob Nelson and John Starkebaum, all early-round pro draftees. At least it's a concern if enemy runners can get that far. The defensive front line is considered the main strength.

The linebacking corps includes junior lettermen Percy Eichelberger and Cletus Pillen, who served their apprenticeship in their current positions; Randy Lessman, who won his letter mainly as a punter last year, and Jim Belka, a former fullback who was a demon on the specialty teams last year before he injured a knee in early spring.

And sophomores Larry Young of Jersey City and James Wightman of Omaha, the latter the most conspicuous in the spring game, have intensified the competition.

MARTIN (87) & MONDS collar Davis

"Our defense depends on how well the linebackers come along," defensive coordinator Kiffin said. "They're all young, but they're very eager. They'll be ready to play this fall. Their effort was good. That's the main thing in the spring."

Kiffin, who has developed a reputation for defensive esprit in his eight seasons at Nebraska, said his defense "looked as good in the spring as any team since I've been here. We haven't molded everything together, but it's got possibilities.

"The defensive line and the secondary are going to have to carry the linebackers until they get some experience. Last year, the linebackers had to carry the defensive line."

The defensive line starts with end Bob Martin, a former Nebraska high school athlete of the year, who won all-Big Eight acclaim last year while personifying Nebraska's concept of the position with a fierce pass rush, mobile pass defense while dropping off and bulls-eye tackling.

The Husker coaches believe they have a Martin-caliber newcomer on the left side in Ray Phillips, a 6-5, 222-pound junior college transfer who was redshirted last year. Phillips, however, will miss the first game along with Ferragamo because they were illegally included on Nebraska's travel squad to the Sugar Bowl game.

Kiffin's face brightens as he moves on to the interior of his defensive line.

There's tackle Ron Pruitt, 6-3, 244, three-year regular whose only apparent drawback is that he does his job with such dispatch that he seldom makes a big splash.

The middle guard is John Lee, 6-3, 248, two-year regular who at one time was considered a motivation problem, but who has developed into a steady, often spectacular performer.

The other blackshirt tackle coming out for spring practice was George Mills, 6-5, 228, senior who must be good to swipe the job from big Mike Fultz, the Big Eight sophomore of the year last year.

"Mills was one of the most pleasant surprises of the spring," Kiffin said. "He showed he's ready to play Big Eight football. He's been banged up every year, and this was his first full spring."

Mills took advantage of a temporary injury to Fultz and refused to relinquish the job when the Lincoln High grad returned.

"Fultz could have been in a little better shape after he came back," Kiffin said.

"The thing I like about our defensive line is that we've found some depth. If you're going to be the Big Eight champ, you've got to have it. You take Dean Gissler, George Mills, Jerry Wied, Dave Redding, Jeff Pullen, and there's not much difference from the other guys.

"Any team in the country can put out 11 good players on offense and defense. The great ones have two teams."

The pride of the secondary is Wonderful Monds, Jr., who goes by Wonder and has an abundance of talent to go with a delightful moniker. He is the returning monster back and joined Bonness on the Playboy all-American team.

"Monds will probably be the first guy they pick in the pro draft," Osborne said. "Of the defensive backs we've had, he's got the most size, speed and agility. You won't find many guys who are 6-5, 204, who can run :04.4."

The rest of the secondary appears to be in good hands with returning regular cornerbacks Jimmy Burrow and Dave Butterfield, the former also working at safety, and experienced junior Chuck Jones. Sophomores Ted Harvey and Larry Valasek have been the most auspicious of the newcomers.

But is this Nebraska team the one to beat Oklahoma?

Osborne punched the button again. "We'll be a solid football team, but we've got . . ."

Kiffin is playing cautious, too.

"We're not even going to think about Oklahoma," he said. "We're going to take them one week at a time. We said that last year, but Oklahoma would pop out once in a while when I'd get mad.

"Yep, we're just thinking about Louisiana State (first game, Sept. 13 in Lincoln). But I wish we could play Oklahoma first."

MONTE ANTHONY
(6-2, 207, So)
John O'Leary
(6-1, 210, Sr)
Dave Gillespie
(6-1, 202, Jr)

TONY DAVIS
(5-11, 214, Sr)
Doty Donnell
(6-2, 210, So)

Terry Luck
(6-3, 205, Sr)
Vince Ferragamo
(6-3, 205, Jr)
Randy Garcia
(6-3, 189, So)

Curtis Craig
(5-10, 182, So)
Tom Heiser
(5-10, 181, Sr)

LARRY MUSHINSKIE
(6-3, 216, Sr)
Brad Jenkins
(6-2, 218, Jr)

Steve Hoins
(6-3, 246, Jr)
Bob Hayes
(6-6, 268, So)

Nick Zanetich
(6-1, 220, Jr)
Stan Waldemore
(6-4, 246, So)
Dan Miller
(6-3, 232, So)

RIK BONNESS
(6-4, 223, Sr)
Tom Davis
(6-3, 242, So)

Dan Schmidt
(6-2, 222, Jr)
Greg Jorgensen
(6-3, 241, So)

Bob Lingenfelter
(6-7, 285, Jr)
Rich Costanzo
(6-5, 261, Sr)

Ron Nitzel
(6-2, 184, Jr)
Bobby Thomas
(5-8, 151, Jr)

Ray Phillips
(6-5, 222, Sr)
Tom Coccia
(6-2, 205, Sr)
Reg Gast
(6-4, 216, So)

RON PRUITT
(6-3, 244, Sr)
Dean Gissler
(6-8, 257, Sr)

JOHN LEE
(6-3, 248, Sr)
Willie Thornton
(6-0, 235, Sr)
Scott Hertenstein
(6-3, 208, So)

George Mills
(6-5, 228, Sr)
MIKE FULTZ
(6-5, 254, Jr)

BOB MARTIN
(6-1, 208, Sr)
Dave Redding
(6-2, 208, Sr)

Percy Eichelberger
(6-0, 203, Jr)
Larry Young
(6-0, 02, So)

Cletus Pillen
(6-1, 207, Jr)
Jim Wightman
(6-3, 213, So)
Randy Lessman
(6-3, 217, Jr)

Dave Butterfield
(5-10, 182, Jr)
Jake Cabell
(6-3, 205, So)

JIMMY BURROW
(5-11, 165, Sr)
Larry Valasek
(5-10, 161, So)

WONDER MONDS
(6-4, 200, Sr)
Kent Smith
(6-2, 193, So)

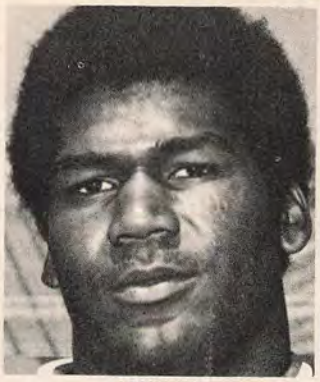
Chuck Jones
(6-0, 180, Jr)
Kurt Stacey
(6-2, 193, So)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

NEBRASKA ROSTER

RON PRUITT



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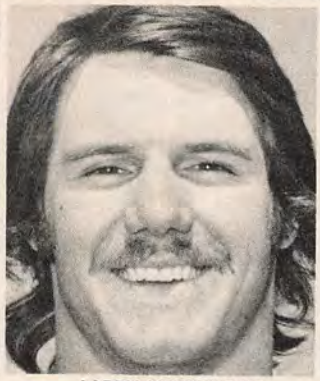
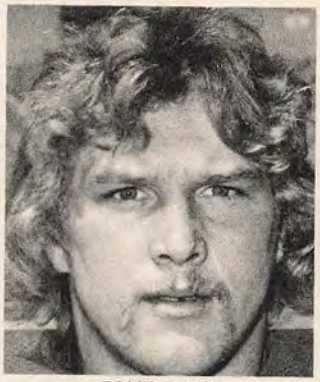


LARRY MUSHINSKIE



TONY DAVIS

JIM BURROW

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Andrews, George	DE	6-4	200	So	Omaha, NE
Anthony, Monte	IB	6-3	207	So	Bellevue, NE
Avery, Scott	DT	6-4	240	Jr	Long Beach, CA
Bailey, Larry	DT	6-2	230	So	Jersey City, NJ
Belka, Jim	LB	6-2	218	Jr	Prairie Village, KS
Bonness, Bob	DE	5-11	190	So	Bellevue, NE
Bonness, Rik	OC	6-4	223	Sr	Bellevue, NE
Borg, Tim	DB	6-2	195	So	Alliance, NE
Brock, Dan	DT	6-3	212	Jr	Columbus, NE
Bryant, Bill	MG	6-2	205	So	Boys Town, NE
Burns, Ed	QB	6-2	207	Jr	Omaha, NE
Burrow, Jim	DB	5-11	170	Sr	Amory, MS
Butterfield, Dave	DB	5-10	182	Jr	Kersey, CO
Cabell, Jake	DB	6-3	205	Jr	Danville, VA
Carpenter, Jeff	LB	6-1	216	So	Council Bluffs, IA
Clark, Dennis	DT	6-5	224	So	Lincoln, NE
Clark, Kelvin	DT	6-4	251	So	Odessa, TX
Clark, Mike	OT	6-4	225	So	Phoenix, AZ
Coccia, Tom	DE	6-2	205	Sr	Hillside, NJ
Cooley, Lawrence	OG	5-10	210	So	Monroe, MI
Costanzo, Rich	OT	6-5	261	Sr	Jersey City, NJ
Coyle, Mike	K	5-11	173	Sr	Omaha, NE
Craig, Curtis	WB	5-10	182	So	Davenport, IA
Davis, Tom	OC	6-3	242	So	Omaha, NE
Davis, Tony	FB	5-11	214	Sr	Tecumseh, NE
Dervin, Joe	LB	6-0	205	So	Omaha, NE
Donnell, Lafayette	FB	6-2	210	So	Hackensack, NJ
Dudley, Randy	LB	6-2	205	So	Bettsville, MD
Eichelberger, Percy	LB	6-0	203	Jr	Louisville, NE
Eveland, Al	K	6-1	216	Jr	Ames, NE
Everett, Earl	WB	6-2	192	Jr	Kansas City, MO
Ewing, Ben	DE	6-1	190	So	Omaha, NE
Ferragamo, Vince	QB	6-3	205	Jr	Carson, CA
Fischer, Tim	DB	5-9	165	So	Lincoln, NE
Folsom, Bob	WB	6-0	190	So	Lincoln, NE
Fultz, Mke	DT	6-5	275	Jr	Lincoln, NE
Gade, Steve	OC	6-3	232	So	Lincoln, NE
Galano, Bobby	OG	6-2	245	So	Stockton, CA
Garcia, Randy	QB	6-3	189	So	Los Angeles, CA
Gast, Reg	DE	6-4	216	So	Lincoln, NE
Gillespie, Dave	IB	6-1	202	Jr	Saratoga, CA
Gissler, Dean	DT	6-8	257	Sr	Central City, NE
Glenn, Steve	OT	6-4	240	So	Pawnee City, NE
Hansen, Jeff	DB	6-2	190	So	Sacramento, CA
Harvey, Tec	DB	5-10	165	So	Lexington, NE
Hayes, Bob	OT	6-6	268	So	Bakersfield, CA
Heiser, Tom	WB	5-10	181	Jr	Columbus, NE
Hertenstein, Scott	MG	6-3	208	So	West Covina, CA
Higgs, Gary	FB	6-2	193	Jr	Toledo, OH
Hoins, Steve	OT	6-3	246	Jr	Bellevue, NE
Horton, Bob	FB	5-10	180	So	Hastings, NE
Humphrey, L.	OT	6-1	243	So	Sidney, NE
Jenkins, Brad	TE	6-3	212	Sr	Ft. Collins, Co
Jones, Chuck	DB	6-0	183	Jr	Beatrice, NE
Jorgensen, Greg	OG	6-3	241	So	Minden, NE
Justice, Jason	FB	6-2	234	So	La Marque, TX
Kane, John	OG	6-1	225	So	Kansas City, KS
Kraft, Bill	WB	6-2	183	So	Oelwein, IA
Kroneberger, Jon	OT	6-5	235	So	Salina, KS
Kucera, Lindsay	FB	6-1	211	So	North Bend, NE
Kujath, Ken	OG	5-10	220	So	Fairbury, NE
Kujath, Kim	OG	5-11	220	So	Fairbury, NE
Lee, Jeff	SE	6-2	185	So	Racine, WI
Lee, John	MG	6-3	248	Sr	Red Bank, NJ
Lehigh, Pat	DB	5-9	160	So	Lincoln, NE
Lessman, Randy	LB-P	6-3	217	Jr	Sioux City, NE
Lindquist, Steve	LB	6-6	230	So	Minneapolis, MN
Lingenfelter, Bob	OT	6-7	282	Jr	Plainview, NE
Link, Rob	TE	6-3	212	Fr	Boulder, Co
Loken, Rocke	SE	5-10	163	So	Littleton, CO
Luck, Terry	QB	6-3	212	Sr	Fayetteville, NC
Magsamen, John	SE	6-1	185	So	Lincoln, NE
Malito, Chuck	SE	6-2	173	Jr	Lakewood, CO
Markley, Paul	DB	6-0	186	So	Ord, NE
Markus, Steve	LB	6-0	207	So	Kearney, NE
Martin, Bob	DE	6-1	208	Sr	David City, NE
Mather, Steve	MG	6-0	200	So	Arapahoe, NE
McWhorter, Mike	WB	5-9	173	So	Omaha, NE
Miller, Dan	OG	6-3	232	So	Hebron, NE
Mills, George	DT	6-5	228	Sr	Omaha, NE
Mockett, Bill	LB	5-11	195	So	Newport Beach, CA
Monds, Wonder	DB	6-2	204	Sr	Ft. Pierce, FL
Mushinskie, Larry	TE	6-3	217	Sr	Temple City, CA
Nitzel, Ron	SE	6-2	184	Jr	Grand Island, NE
Ohrt, Tom	OT	6-4	235	So	Millard, NE
O'Leary, John	IB	6-1	207	Sr	Port Washington, NY
Panneton, Rick	TE	6-1	209	Sr	Walnut, CA
Payne, Dennis	DB	6-0	170	So	Lincoln, NE
Phillips, Ray	DE	6-5	222	Jr	Detroit, MI
Pillen, Cletus	LB	6-1	207	Jr	Monroe, NE
Pillen, Jim	DB	6-0	185	So	Monroe, NE
Pittman, Randy	WB	5-9	160	So	North Platte, NE
Plucknett, John	MG	5-11	215	Jr	Beatrice, NE
Poeschl, Randy	DT	6-7	230	So	Fremont, NE
Porter, Budge	DB	6-1	184	So	Nebraska City, NE
Pruitt, Ron	T	6-3	244	Sr	Compton, CA
Pullen, Jeff	MG	6-0	215	Jr	Central City, NE
Redding, Dave	DE	6-2	208	Sr	North Platte, NE
Reilly, Tim	OG	6-2	237	Sr	Long Beach, CA
Rick, Randy	LB	6-4	202	Jr	Dubuque, IA
Ridder, Tom	DE	6-3	200	So	West Point, NE
Rosener, Greg	DB	5-11	175	So	Fairbury, NE
Samuel, Tony	DE	6-3	211	So	Jersey City, NE
Schmidt, Dan	OG	6-2	222	Jr	North Platte, NE
Schneider, Jeff	DB	5-9	185	Sr	Lincoln, NE
Schroeder, John	OG	5-11	195	So	Garrison, NE
Senkbeil, Rocky	DB	6-4	215	So	Grand Island, NE
Shamblin, Dave	SE	6-3	192	Jr	LaVerne, CA
Smith, Kent	DB	6-1	193	So	Thief River Falls, MN
Sorley, Tom	QB	6-1	195	So	Big Spring, TX
Spaeth, Ken	TE	6-5	228	So	Mahnomen, MN
Stacey, Kurt	DB	6-1	193	So	Lincoln, NE
Stewart, Byron	IB	6-2	190	So	Oxen Hill, MD
Stovall, Rod	DB	5-11	170	So	Bellevue, NE
Sullivan, Glen	LB	6-0	210	So	Lincoln, NE
Talley, Chester	DE	6-0	198	Jr	Denver, Co
Tangeman, Steve	TE	6-4	220	So	Omaha, NE
Timperly, Dave	LB	6-0	210	So	Norfolk, NE
Thomas, Bobby	SE	5-8	151	Jr	Bridgeport, PA
Thomas, Tom	OC	6-1	226	Sr	Culver City, CA
Thompson, Mike	SE	5-8	160	So	Omaha, NE
Thornton, Willie	MG	6-0	235	Sr	Amory, MS
Valasek, Larry	DB	5-10	161	So	Silver Creek, NE
Varner, Rich	OG	6-2	217	Jr	Wichita, KS
Vernon, Kirby	DB	6-0	175	So	Salina, KS
Waldemore, Stan	OG	6-4	246	So	Belleville, NJ
Walderzak, Paul	OC	6-3	245	So	Saginaw, MI
Walton, Darrell	WB	5-9	164	So	Omaha, NE
Webb, Mitchell	MG	6-3	220	So	Redding, CA
Wied, Jerry	MG	6-2	228	Jr	Green Bay, WI
Wightman, Jim	LB	6-3	213	So	Omaha, NE
Wilkins, Roger	OT	6-2	230	So	Omaha, NE
Williquette, Jim	DB	5-9	160	So	Green Bay, WI
Young, Larry	LB	6-0	202	So	Jersey City, NJ
Zabrocki, Dale	IB	5-9	158	So	Bellevue, NE
Zanetich, Nick	OG	6-1	220	Jr	Hoboken, NJ

"Freshman Harvest"

Cornhuskers land 8 on the All-Big Eight Frosh Team

By VIRGIL PARKER *Lincoln Journal*

SINCE THE NCAA imposed a 30-scholarship limit, Nebraska has had two of its best recruiting years, according to Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne.

"We felt this past winter was our second fine recruiting year in a row, although your recruiting success is difficult to evaluate for two or three years until—or if and when—these new kids become varsity players,"Osborne adds.

Osborne says he bases his assessment "on the fact that we signed a better than usual percentage of those recruits we sought out. Now, if our judgment proves correct, then we did a good job."

So, Osborne adds, he'll reserve final judgment on the current Cornhusker crop for a few years to see whether or not a high percentage of them become first-string varsity players.

"I really don't like the description of a boy being a 'Blue Chipper'," Osborne insists. "Some players come with all the credentials in the world and never develop. Others blossom late. Rich Glover was a good example. I think we were the only school in the Big Eight to recruit him. He didn't do much the first couple of years, then came on strong to win both the Outland and Vince Lombardi trophies as a senior."

Though Osborne insists he doesn't like the "Blue Chip" label, he adds with a smile, "If a 'Blue Chipper' is a player who was highly sought after—recruited by 10 or more major colleges—then we got more than our share."

Among the top catches who will arrive on the Lincoln campus for the first time next fall are:

—Mark Goodspeed, a 6-5, 220-pounder from Leawood, Kansas, who will be used at either offensive or defensive tackle. Goodspeed earned all-state and all-Kansas City Metro all-star honors.

—John Ruud, "little brother" of the Big Eight's only first-round pro draft choice last winter, Nebraska linebacker Tom Ruud. The younger Ruud, who looks up to his brother, wants to equal or better his accomplishments, but hates the "little brother" tag, was a Parade Magazine first team all-American. His high school coach says, "John is a tougher hitting linebacker at this stage of his development than Tom was."

—Ken Brown, who Osborne describes as "one of the best receivers we've ever recruited." The Cincinnati, Ohio, native caught passes for more than 1,000 yards his senior year while earning first team all-state recognition from both wire services. Brown, with :04.5 speed in the 40, can run with the ball after he catches it, according to the Nebraska coach.

—Richard Berns, a Wichita Falls, Texas, running back, is a 6-3, 200-pounder who ran a :09.7 100-yard dash in a high school track meet. Berns was heavily recruited by both Texas and Oklahoma State before choosing Nebraska.

—Keith Bishop, another highly sought Texan. At 6-4, 220, Bishop was regarded one of the most aggressive linemen in the Lone Star State.

—Lee Kunz of Lakewood, Colorado, who Osborne describes as "a great all-around athlete who will play someplace for us." Kunz, at 6-3 and 200 pounds, understandably threw the discus over 190 feet as a high school senior, but he also high jumped 6-8. Big and fast, the cousin of University of Colorado fullback Terry Kunz, he is listed as a linebacker.

—Oudious Lee, maybe the best of a fine group of instate Nebraska recruits. Lee, a 6-2, 205-pound all-state lineman, is quick and aggressive as attested by the fact that he won the state Class A heavyweight wrestling title last winter.

Although Nebraska actively recruits in 21 states, the Cornhuskers retain a strong homestate flavor.

Monte Anthony, who was the Big Eight's offensive newcomer of the year last fall as a freshman, went to Bellevue, Nebraska, High School. All-American center Rik Bonness is also a Bellevue product, while Mike Fultz, the Big Eight defensive sophomore of the year last season, went to hometown Lincoln High School. All Big Eight defensive end Bob Martin is from nearby David City, while Tony Davis, one of the league's premier fullbacks, comes from Tecumseh.

So it is obvious that Osborne attaches no particular note to the fact that 13 of the 27 scholarships given to high school seniors last winter went to Nebraska prepsters.

Most amazing, for a college which recruits nationwide, is the fact that five of those precious few scholarships went to hometown Lincoln players, with three of them—Bill Holmes, John Selko and Gordon Thiessen—all from one school, Lincoln East High.

The 30-limit for 1975 was reached when one transfer and two junior college graduates were added to the 27 high schoolers.

Vince Ferragamo, who shared the starting quarterback role at the University of California in Berkeley for two years with Steve Bartkowski, who became the No. 1 pick of the pro draft last winter, came to Lincoln a year ago. He sat out last season to satisfy the NCAA transfer rules.

But, since Ferragamo played for the Cal varsity as a freshman and sophomore, the season he sat out acts as a redshirt year and he still has two seasons of eligibility remaining at Nebraska.

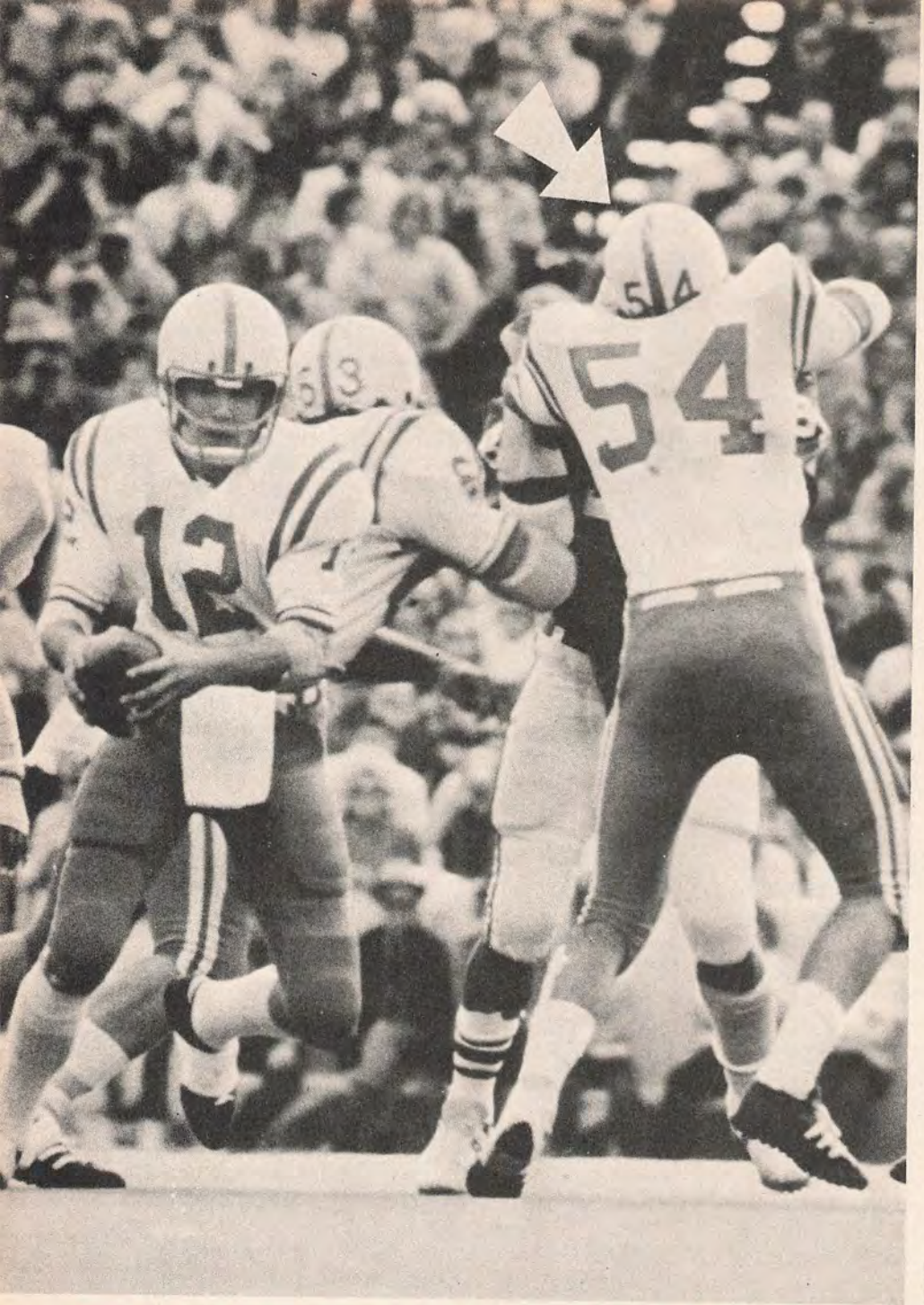
The two junior college players are Scott Avery, a 6-5, 232-pound lineman from Long Beach Junior College in California, and Randy Rick, a 6-4, 200-pound linebacker from Waldorf (Iowa) Junior College.

Actually, Nebraska will have two other scholarship freshmen on campus this fall. Two high school recruits, following the 1973 prep season, were seriously injured while playing in summer all-star games and didn't register at Nebraska in the fall of 1974.

Rob Link, a 6-3, 212-pound split end from Boulder, Colorado, suffered a broken elbow, while Bill Barnett, a 6-5, 230-pound lineman from Afton, Minnesota, came out of his Shrine Bowl game with a badly broken leg.

Both enrolled at Nebraska in January of this year as first-term freshmen and will thus still have four seasons of eligibility remaining.

Link participated in spring practice, but Barnett was still hobbled by a slow-healing leg. *For complete roster, see page 74.*



RIK BONNESS SLEPT HERE

Can a man from the Center of Anonymity be the Big Eight's number 1 pro draft choice? Traditionalists would point a deserving finger!

By CONDE SARGENT *Omaha World-Herald*

AT THIS VERY MINUTE, Nebraska's all-American center Rik Bonness probably is standing in a kitchen ready to stir up some wild milkshake concoction.

You say you doubt that because you're reading this article in the middle of the night because you couldn't sleep. Well, chances are Rik Bonness couldn't sleep either and he's up mixing a milkshake.

You say you're reading this at the breakfast table, a highly unlikely time for milkshake making.

For Rik Bonness, anytime may be milkshake time—breakfast, lunch, dinner, in between meals, winter and summer, spring and fall.

He's one of the all-time milkshake freaks, mixing bananas, melons and a variety of other fruits into some of his special brands. About the only time the three-year offensive regular for the Cornhuskers hasn't chugged a milkshake is before a football game.

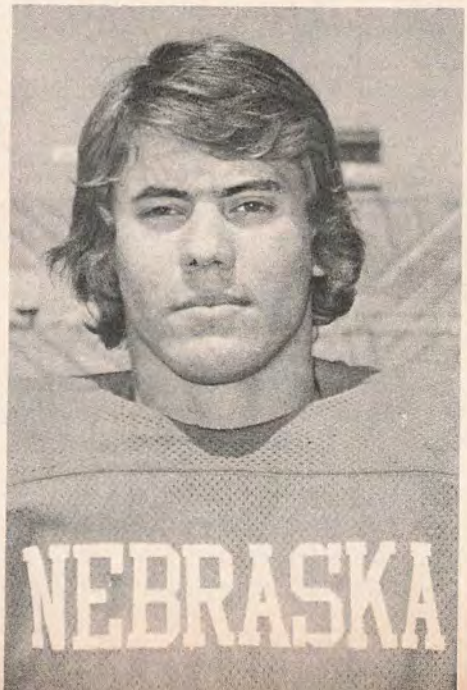
This stalwart of the Nebraska tradition finds it very difficult to eat much of anything as early as two days before a game.

Football is one serious matter. Teammates have said Bonness won't smile from the first of September until Nebraska does somebody in at a major bowl game somewhere around Jan. 1.

In May, he smiled and said, "This year is going to be different. I'm going to relax more."

By September he will have forgotten his promise.

He'll be back in the dead-serious mood that is the basis for the hard-working attitude he's shown since coming to Nebraska from Bellevue



High School four years ago.

It was not a whim that turned Bonness into a milkshake freak. There was a specific reason. His 6-4 frame is not prone to bulk weight. He took daily supplements to bolster the old body. The supplement frankly goes down a lot easier when mixed with something, such as ice cream and fruit. Once he got started at the milkshake game he developed a flair for it.

He also has become a weightroom freak . . . a full speed in practice freak . . . and, if you will, an All-American freak.

He was the center choice his junior year of the American Football Coaches Association and had Nebraskans falling off their sofas in laughter when he smoothly delivered a gag line for comedian Bob Hope in the national television presentation of the all-star team.

He also is a two-time All-American center for Playboy Magazine, and likely will receive more honors during the course of his senior year.

However, the record must stand that this is not a fellow who goes around saying, "I'm an All-American, ha, ha, ha."

In fact, when Playboy called to inform Nebraska of his selection (and that of teammate Wonder Monds, too) and to arrange for them to be in Chicago for pictures and fun in early May, Bonness was at first not going. That meant he would miss the spring game windup to the Huskers' spring practice.

What harm really to have your proven stars off somewhere for this particular game, the Nebraska staff reasoned.

Yes, Bonness said, but what "will the other players think of me" for ducking out when they have to play the game.

"There isn't a player on this team more respected than Rik Bonness," fullback Tony Davis said. "You see what he does every day in practice and you'll easily understand that."

Bonness probably made the most friends in the weight room where his diligence has led to bolstering his 6-4, 190-pound frame four years ago to its 225-pound size at the moment.

Some players on the Nebraska team may be stronger than Bonness but none, according to weight coach Boyd Epley, set the example of the center on a day-to-day basis.

"Sometimes we just have to tell him to get out of here," Epley said. "He wants to do so well that he'd work himself too hard. There aren't many like him in the whole world."

When Bonness first reported to Lincoln, after a career capped by selection to The Omaha World-Herald's high school all-state team, the coaches asked Epley to see if there wasn't some way to put some weight on this big kid.

Consequently, Epley worked out with Bonness with some regularity to show the youngster the pace.

Epley no longer tries to work out with Bonness. The pupil runs the master smack into the ground.

Few athletes can keep up with Bonness. Halfback Dale Zabrocki, also a Bellevue product, said he offered to get together with Bonness during a spring holiday back home. Zabrocki, a stout little guy, said, "He darn near killed me."

His father, H. R. Bonness of Bellevue, remembers being concerned once with Rik during Little League baseball days because the lad declined baseball's ritual of shaking hands with the opponent after a game lost by the Bonness team.

He was saying way back then what his weightroom regularity and his pregame jitters say today. Rik Bonness doesn't like to lose.

You don't have to tell any of the Big Eight's middle guards the past two seasons any more than that about Bonness. They learned the hard way.

"You can't beat your man every time you run a play. Everybody knows that," Nebraska's Davis said. "But as a fullback in the I-formation, I know how important the center is and Rik can be counted on to get the best of his man far more times than not. We know we can depend on him."

Bonness himself looks at this business of beating the intimidating middle guards impersonally. "You always can feel they're there," Bonness said. "But there's no talking or anything like a lot of people think goes on down on the field."

Bonness doesn't want any middle guards to think he takes them lightly but he insists he rarely studies the individual opponent. "We work mostly on formations," he said. "I know what all the middle guards are going to do. I don't think much about how different their individual styles are."

They are all, he says in his playful May mood, big and tough.

You know, Bonness almost became a middle guard. He actually played the position some as a freshman on Jim Ross' frosh squad. He was the center, too.

"We quit using him at middle guard in our scrimmages because we never could get a play off," Ross said. "He could have been a great defensive player."

Bonness, though, went straight to offense for spring ball his freshman year and established himself as the successor to Doug Dumler, now with the New England Patriots, in those 20 practice sessions.

That spring and in subsequent Cornhusker scrimmages, the Huskers often show some concern over the effectiveness of their middle guards. Part of the trouble, it turns out, is that Bonness has a knack of making middle guards appear somewhat inadequate.

The Bellevue blaster, improving to the :04.7 class in the 40-yard dash, went right into the starting lineup as a sophomore. He didn't need the redshirt year.

For his final year, he will be flanked by a third set of guards. Dan Schmidt and Nick Zanetich came out of spring ball with a lock on the No. 1 guard spots.

Bonness needed no introduction to them. They were the center of the offensive line on a very effective freshman team their first year in school. The tackles were Bob Lingenfelter and Steve Hoins, likely starters this fall. They were all redshirts.

"We can be a good team again," Bonness said. "I sure hope we are."

Bonness lives in a small home on the edge of the Lincoln campus, sharing the rent with other Huskers, including defensive end Bob Martin and wingback Tom Heiser.

The place has been handed on to players from year to year three times now.

Last year's roommates were Bonness, defensive back Jim Seeton and linebackers Bob Nelson and Tom Ruud. Before that, John Dutton was the senior in the house.

Moral of this story: In this house have slept the No. 1 pro draft choices in the Big Eight Conference for the past two years—Dutton in 1974 and Ruud in 1975. Could it be that Bonness will keep the streak intact?

In Nebraska, they say, "I'll drink a milkshake to that."

"White is our Most Improved Lineman, and if Dokes isn't an All-American..."

OKLAHOMA STATE *from page 34*

speed, will be the split end. He led the team last year with 16 catches for 336 yards. Lisle was second with 7 for 128 yards.

Ricky Taylor (5-9, 170), with 4.6 speed, is due to come in for the tight end when the Cowpokes go into the Slot I.

The big spring juggling act occurred in the interior offensive line. Stanley says, "we have the possibility of a good offensive line."

Perhaps the best up front is Chlouber, who Cowboy coaches think will challenge Nebraska's Rik Bonness for the All-Conference center spot. Chlouber has quiet confidence. He was disturbed last fall when a play was installed in which he was to receive blocking help from his guard on the opposing guard. "Don't you trust me?" he asked.

In fact, he's trusted a lot. Generally, he handles the nose guard himself. Chlouber had a mediocre spring but that probably was due to a foot operation he had after the 1974 season.

SCOTT BURK (10) reads a block on Elrod.

Best offensive lineman in the spring was Derrel Gofourth (6-2, 228), a quick one. He was shifted from tackle to guard as was the guy who understudied him a year ago, Bob Ringwall (6-4, 248). The latter, said Henderson, has "great, great potential." So impressive were these two in the spring that ailing Larry Ledford, a regular guard much of last season, may be unable to win back his spot. The two transplanted tackles and Chlouber should provide a solid middle.

Obviously, Ringwall or Gofourth could go back to tackle but the spring produced three adequate tackles in Mark Perrelli (6-5, 251), a transfer from Princeton, Larry Harris (6-5, 248) and William Miller (6-2, 240), a juco import who came on strongly in the last two weeks.

"We're hopeful, if the spring is an indication, that we can have a real good offense," said Henderson. "We're fairly optimistic about being able to move the football."

Which brings us to defense—where there seem to be more questions. But in looking at the Big Eight, Stanley thinks most clubs have more defensive questions. "How well they can replace people on defense may be the key to the race," he said.

OSU has no woes at tackle. Both Dokes and White, although resembling mountains, have 4.8 speed. "White probably is our most improved lineman from last year and if Dokes isn't an All-American, they oughta stop giving it," said Stanley.

The defensive end situation perked up with the addition of two junior college transfers, Bobby Douglas (6-3, 220) and Lorenzo Turner (6-4, 210). They'll share one end and moving up to the other is second teamer Daria Butler (6-3, 196).

"Butler is gonna be a great athlete," forecasts Stanley. "He will make sophomore errors but he has good ability."

Nose guard causes some concern although lettermen Richard Allen (6-3, 244) and John Boyer (6-2, 232) are there. Miller, the offensive tackle, could get a shot there since he was a high school nose guard.

Robinson, who led the team in tackles last year, should rate "all" looks at linebacker and also available are two lettermen—John Weimer (6-1, 210) and Mike Allen (6-2, 201)—plus junior college transfer Don Edwards (6-3, 218).

"You could always use more help at linebacker," said Stanley, "but Robinson is as good as you could want, except for size, and the other three could project into the picture quickly."

Three of four defensive backs walked the graduation plank but the OSU braintrust was pleased with spring progress there. One indication of the progress is the fact that Kent Shirley (6-2, 181) and Joe Avanzini (6-2, 186) were not starting at spring's end. Both were in line to start a year ago before being injured.

Shirley will vie for the free safety spot with Darnell Meyers (6-2, 168), a 4.5 speedster and the only returning starter. At strong safety, letterman Jerry Cramer (6-3, 175) was running ahead of Avanzini.

"Cramer's really come this spring," said Stanley. "He's got good range but he's only a sophomore."

At the cornerbacks, the Pokes have three 4.7 types in Willie Lester (6-3, 188), Milton Kirven (5-10, 172) and Clifton Sullivan (6-2, 180). Sullivan is a junior college transfer while the other two are lettermen.

"All of them are good enough, from a coaching standpoint, that you can put trust in them," said Stanley.

The kicking game, too important to be relegated to the next to last paragraph, brings nothing but smiles. The Pokes return Cliff Parsley, who led the conference in punting with a 41.1 average, and Abby Daigle, fourth in the conference in kick scoring. He hit 25 of 28 extra points and 11 of 24 field goal tries last year and has the range to kick from 50 yards out.

"Everybody is hopeful they can win it all," said Stanley. "We're no different. We have high hopes but we've got a lot of key replacements to make on defense."

Terry Miller
(6-0, 186, So)
SKIP TAYLOR
(5-11, 176, So)
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Billy Jones
(5-11, 178, So)

ROBERT TURNER
(5-11, 192, Jr)
Mike Mitchell
(6-0, 196, Sr)
Steve Stephens
(6-3, 223, Fr)

CHARLEY WEATHERBIE
(6-2, 183, Jr)
Scott Burk
(6-2, 186, So)

Bruce Blankenship
(6-4, 229, Jr)
Robert James
(6-4, 231, So)
Charles Loggins
(6-3, 220, Fr)
Mike Edwards
(6-3 210, Fr)

Mark Perelli
(6-5, 251, Jr)
William Miller
(6-2, 240, Jr)

Robert Ringwall
(6-4, 248, Jr)
Ron Baker
(6-4, 215, So)

GARY CHLOUBER
(6-2, 223, Sr)
Kent Gravley
(5-10, 203, Jr)

DERREL GOFOURTH
(6-2, 228, Jr)
Tim Rusher
(602, 221, Jr)

Larry Harris
(6-5, 248, Sr)
Craig Simmons
(6-4, 258, So)

SAM LISLE
(6-2, 188, Jr)
Pete Copolla
(5-1, 180, So)

GERALD BAIN
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Don Edwards
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Gary Snider
(5-11, 166, So)

Milton Kirven
(5-10, 172, Sr)
Clifton Sullivan
(6-2, 180, Jr)

DARNELL MEYERS
(6-2, 168, Sr)
Kent Shirley
(6-2, 181, Jr)

Jerry Cramer
(6-3, 175, So)
Joe Avanzini
(6-2, 186, So)

DEPTH CHART

Orange figures represent "I" formation alignment.
RHB is replaced by Flanker.
CAPS indicate returning starters

SAGA OF AN OUTSPOKEN POKE

Phillip Dokes really get off on football or school and admits he might be better off somewhere else, doing something entirely different. Yet something has propelled this young athlete to challenge the more celebrated as the premier defender in the Big 8.

By BOB HARTZELL *Tulsa Tribune*

"...the situation with

PHIL DOKES wonders aloud what most athletes fear to think.

The 6-foot 5, 256-pound Oklahoma State defensive tackle carries a 2.8 grade-point average, but he doesn't like school.

And the Little Rock, Arkansas, junior ranks as one of the top two defensive tackles in the Big Eight, but he doesn't like football.

"A lot of people don't like school," he says. "They just don't say it. I was brought up to say what I wanted to say and not to be afraid to say it."

Football?

"I don't like football, either. I just don't have anything else to do."

Dokes probably would be bored without football. "I'm happily single and don't date much here," he says. "I do date some in Arkansas, but I'm not too interested in dating here. I just go to class, play football and mess around the campus."

But Dokes has done quite well at a sport he says he's "not too crazy about." A starter since late in his freshman season, the Oklahoma State star was all-Big Eight and the outstanding defensive player in the Fiesta Bowl last season as a sophomore.

"I always played football because I was big, and people always expected me to play football," says Dokes, a high school all-stater in both football and basketball. "I liked basketball better than football when I was in high school, but most people wanted me to play football, so I played football."

What people expected of him meant a lot to Dokes at that time.

"I left school a couple of times when I was a freshman," he says. "I wanted to quit. I was homesick. Moving away from home to go to school was a big adjustment for me.

"And there is a big state rivalry between Arkansas and Oklahoma. Arkansas people wanted me to stay and go to school at Arkansas (University). They said I was a traitor. They said I could have had all of the publicity I wanted there because Arkansas University is THE big thing there. OU is THE big school in this state.

"It probably would have been easier for me in Arkansas. It was my home state and people there knew what I could do. Here, if you're from out-of-state, you have to prove yourself."

If Dokes had done as he pleased, he would have picked neither

OU is going to change before I leave here."

Oklahoma State nor Arkansas.

"I didn't want to go to school at all," he says. "I wanted to go into the service or get a job. And, once I decided on Oklahoma State, I wanted to drop out of school during my freshman year.

"But my mother and father put a lot of pressure on me. They said I had made my decision and should stick with it."

Dokes has learned to listen to his parents' advice while ignoring the criticism of his Arkansas friends.

"I have learned not to worry about what other people say, just about what I think." he says.

"Arkansas people used to call me a traitor, but as long as we beat them (OSU is 2-0 against the Razorbacks during Dokes' two years at Oklahoma State), it's all right.

"And the situation with OU is going to change before I leave here. We had our best record (7-5) in a long time last season and were in a bowl game on TV. That will help our recruiting.

"People in Arkansas used to talk about how Arkansas was ranked and Oklahoma State wasn't, but we made the rankings last season, so I don't hear that any more."

As for any recognition he might have missed, Dokes says, "Your team has to win for you to be noticed. But we have won and we will keep on winning.

"It is easier for players with established teams to get publicity. Arkansas and Texas in the Southwest Conference and Oklahoma and Nebraska in the Big Eight always get publicity. You might not have to be as good to get publicity if you play for one of those teams. Those teams do have good athletes. They deserve the publicity.

"But there are good athletes everywhere. Some of the other teams just don't have as many good athletes as the established, big-name schools. There are probably more small-college players than major-college players in the pros.

"You may have to play a little better if you're not playing for one of the big, established schools. But we're coming up. We've been winners the last two years. We're getting better every year.

"If you stand out as a player here, you will be noticed because you're playing in the Big Eight and it's recognized as the toughest conference in the country."

Even though it might not be his favorite sport, Dokes has no criticism of football. "I'm not knocking the game," he says. "It has done a lot for me. It has helped me grow up and to take things as they come."

One of the things that probably will come after two more years is the opportunity to play professional football. "If that opportunity comes," says Dokes, "I will look at it as I would any other business opportunity. If the money is right, I probably will play. It is just like any other job."

But Dokes is well aware of the fact that a job in pro football—or any other job he might land after he graduates from Oklahoma State—will offer far more economic opportunities than any he might have been able to take if he hadn't gone to college.

"Without a degree, it would have been tough to find a good job," he says.

Now, even if by some fluke he misses out on the opportunity to play pro football, Dokes has a job in mind.

"I'm majoring in special education," he says. "I want to help the slow learners. There are a lot of people in Little Rock who need help, and I plan to return there, either when I finish school or when I finish playing pro football. It's like a little Chicago there. It's no small, quiet place.

"I would like to go back there and help the people there who can't help themselves."

Dokes came from what he describes as a middle-class background in Little Rock. "Sometimes, coming from that situation is better," he says. "You learn to strive to do something instead of having it given to you.

"You have to stick with it through the bad times in life, just as you do in football. Making it in life is a lot like making it in football. It depends on how you think and how hard you play whether you make it in football, and it depends on how you think and how hard you try whether you make it in life.

"I had my share of bad times growing up, but you have to grow up sometime.

"I'm proud of the way I grew up, and I think it helped me later. Most people thought I probably would drop out of school, but I learned to stick it out.

"I am growing up now, and I think the Oklahoma State football program is growing up with me.

"It's a lot easier for me to play now. I have a lot more confidence than I did as a freshman and sophomore. And I know I can play a lot better than I have in the past."

Bill Turnbow, Oklahoma State's defensive coordinator and line coach, agrees. "He hasn't reached his potential yet," says Turnbow, "but he's still awfully young (19). He was inconsistent early last year, but he was consistent during the last three or four games of the season.

"This year, he has become a pretty good leader."

How good is Dokes?

"He has more ability than any player I've ever been around," says Turnbow, "and that covers 14 years of coaching. He makes a lot of things happen.

"He's not a collision player. He's a hand player, and a good one. He never gets tied up on a blocker. He will punish the ball carrier but not the man he's facing. You could line up across from him for an entire game and he would never hurt you.

"But he would make you look awfully bad."

Dokes hopes to make even more opposing linemen look bad during the next two years.

"I have set goals to be the best player I can be," he says. "It just depends on how hard I am willing to work. I think I can improve enough to be All-American during my last two years here.

"I might have been better off somewhere else, doing something else, but that's in the past. This is what I chose, and when it's all over, I may be able to look back and say I made the right decision.

"Things are getting better for me and for Oklahoma State. We have better athletes now than we had when I first came here. Our defensive line is a lot better. Some of the players are young, but they have ability.

"I feel like an old dog here now. I look at the younger players and say, 'I couldn't have made those kinds of mistakes.' But I did. I improved, and the young players we have now will improve, too.

"This season, we're going to have the best record we have had in a long time.

"And I will do my share. I have let my teammates down at times in the past. But, from now on, I plan to hold up my end."

GARY CHLOUBER

PHILLIP DOKES

CHARLIE WEATHERBIE

JAMES WHITE

OKLAHOMA STATE ROSTER

ROBERT TURNER

DARNELL MEYERS

SKIP TAYLOR

TERRY MILLER

DERREL GOFOURTH

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Allen, Mike	LE	6-2	201	Sr	Dallas, TX
Allen, Richard	DE	6-2	244	So	Lawton, OK
Ashton, Dennis	DT	6-5	235	Jr	Waynoka, OK
Avanzini, Joe	SS	6-2	186	So	Coalgate, OK
Babb, Lee	C	6-2	202	Sr	Oklahoma City, OK
Bain, Gerald	SE	6-2	185	So	Hollywood, FL
Baker, Ron	OG	6-4	215	Jr	Gary, IN
Berry, Sylvester	QB	6-1	180	So	Tulsa, OK
Blankenship, Bruce	TE	6-4	229	Jr	Tulsa, OK
Boyer, John	NG	6-2	232	Jr	Putnam City, OK
Burk, Scott	QB	6-2	186	So	Denver, CO
Butler, Daria	DE	6-3	196	So	Metairie, LA
Campbell, Jon	SE	6-0	160	Sr	Ada, OK
Carter, Craig	TE	6-2	216	Sr	San Diego CA
Chlouber, Gary	C	6-2	223	Sr	Shawnee, OK
Clover, Jim	FS	6-1	175	So	Dayton, OH
Coppola, Peter	HB	5-11	180	So	Buffalo, NY
Cramer, Jerry	DB	6-3	175	So	Lubbock, TX
Daigle, Abby	K	6-0	176	Jr	Vidor, TX
Davis, Britt	DE	65	203	Jr	Stillwater, OK
Dawson, Chris	NG-DT	6-4	240	So	Shawnee, OK
Derrick, Jimmy	QB	6-2	187	Jr	Checotah, OK
Dokes, Phillip	DT	6-5	256	Jr	Little Rock, AR
Douglas, Bobby	DE	6-3	220	Jr	Tulsa, OK
Dutton, Guy	DE	6-2	206	Sr	Amarillo, TX
Edwards, Don	DL	6-3	218	Jr	Junction City, KS
Ezell, Randy	OG	6-4	285	So	Mexico, MO
Finnerty, Tom	OL	6-3	235	Jr	Mansfield, OH
Gofourth, Derrel	OT	6-2	228	Jr	Parsons, KS
Gravley, Kent	DE	5-10	203	Jr	Duncan, OK
Guttery, Hal	QB	6-1	180	Sr	Midland, TX
Hallacker, Rich	LB	6-3	215	So	Philadelphia, PA
Hankins, Wes	HB	5-10	166	So	Bristow, OK
Hardaway, Milton	DT	6-9	340	Jr	Seguin, TX
Harris, Larry	OT	6-5	248	Sr	Sherman, TX
Hicks, Willie	FB	6-0	210	So	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Holmes, Leo	DB	5-10	183	Jr	Lawton, OK
Imhoff, Danny	DB	5-11	173	Jr	Putnam City, OK
James, Robert	TE	6-4	231	So	Colorado Springs, CO
Jenkins, Larry	DE	6-2	210	Sr	Anadarko, OK
Johnson, Doug	QB	5-10	165	Jr	Ponca City, OK
Jones, Billy	HB	5-11	178	Jr	Clovis, NM
Kirven, Milton	RC	5-10	172	Sr	Ennis, TX
Koch, Don	LB	6-3	206	Sr	Tulsa, OK

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Ledford, Jim	OG	6-1	230	Jr	Oklahoma City, OK
Lester, Willie	DB	6-3	188	So	Naples, FL
Lisle, Sam	SE	6-2	188	Jr	Putnam City, OK
Meyers, Darnell	FS	6-2	168	Sr	Texas City, TX
Miller, Terry	HB	6-0	186	So	Colorado Springs, CO
Miller, William	OL	6-2	240	Jr	Henderson, TX
Milligan, Pat	DT	6-4	199	Jr	Kansas City, KS
Mitchell, Mike	FB	6-0	196	Sr	Oklahoma City, OK
Moses, Sam	DT	6-4	200	Sr	Richardson, TX
Muder, Mark	OT	6-5	239	Jr	Kansas City, KS
Myers, Jack	HB	6-3	189	So	Downs, KS
Palmer, Thad	LB	6-1	218	So	El Reno, OK
Parsley, Cliff	P	6-1	198	Jr	Grandview, MO
Perrelli, Mark	OT	6-5	251	Jr	New Haven, CN
Pirozzo, Kenny	QB	6-0	184	So	Dallas, TX
Reddic, Donnie	LB	6-0	193	Sr	Dallas, TX
Ringwall, Bob	OT	6-4	248	Jr	Carteret, NJ
Ristau, Joe	T	6-5	245	Jr	Weir, KS
Ritz, Mike	C	6-0	210	Jr	Putnam City, OK
Robinson, Brent	LB	6-0	204	Sr	Dallas, TX
Rusher, Tim	OG	6-2	221	Jr	Holdenville, OK
Shirley, Kent	FS	6-1	181	Jr	Pauls Valley, OK
Siefert, Bob	OL	6-4	240	Jr	Tampa, FL
Simmons, Craig	OT	6-4	258	So	Dallas, TX
Snider, Gary	DB	5-11	166	So	Stillwater, OK
Sturdivant, Paul	FB	6-0	210	So	Moore, OK
Sullivan, Clifton	DB	6-2	180	Jr	West, TX
Sutton, Jonathan	DB	6-3	177	So	Pawhuska, OK
Taylor, Mike	DE	6-2	204	Jr	Norman, OK
Taylor, Ricky	SE	5-9	170	Jr	Carson, CA
Taylor, Skip	HB	5-11	176	So	Cincinnati, OH
Terrell	DT	6-6	270	Jr	Chicago, IL
Towe, David	OG	6-3	240	Jr	Oklahoma City, OK
Turner, Lorenzo	DE	6-4	210	Jr	Rock Island, IL
Turner, Robert	FB	5-11	192	Jr	Wynnewood, OK
Walker, Kenny	HB	6-3	200	Sr	Chandler, AZ
Ware, Vernon	FB	6-2	208	Jr	Okmulgee, OK
Weatherbie, Charli	AB	6-2	183	Jr	Ft. Scott, KS
Weimer, John	LB	6-1	219	Jr	Whittier, CA
Weir, Chris	DB	6-2	185	So	Shawnee, OK
Wesley, Russell	SE	5-10	173	Jr	Overland Park, KS
White, James	DT	6-5	251	Sr	Hot Springs, AR
Young, Ben	SE	6-1	194	So	Ponca City, OK

"Freshman Harvest"

Cowboys steal some prize in-state recruits from the Sooners while 'tempers flair'

By BOB HARTZELL *Tulsa Tribune*

OKLAHOMA STATE VENTURED OUT of its home territory last year to pluck such high school football gems as Terry Miller and Scott Burk from Colorado, Skip Taylor from Ohio and Gerald Bain from Florida.

All of those players—Miller and Taylor at offensive halfback, Burk at quarterback and Bain at split end—saw at least some starting duty as freshmen last season.

This year, the Cowboys concentrated on Oklahoma high school stars. They are hopeful that the results will be similar.

The Pokes signed nine state high school standouts, at least six of whom were on everyone's "must" list.

Oklahoma State's coaching staff believes the in-state crop is the best in the school's history, including the 1970 class that included quarterback Brent Blackman, tight end Reuben Gant and middle guard Barry Price.

As juniors, that group led the Cowboys to their first winning season in 13 years. The Cowboys haven't slowed down since, posting three straight winning seasons and last year adding a Fiesta Bowl victory over Brigham Young in their first post-season bowl venture since 1958.

More of the same kind of help can be expected from the likes of running backs Chipp Latham, Charles Loggins, Darnell Scott and Gerald Green, defensive back Gary Irions and lineman Jim Clark.

The out-of-state high school recruiting was not as impressive as last year with only eight signees. But several of the out-of-staters, such as Hoboken, New Jersey, offensive tackle Pat McLaughlin; Tampa, Florida, fullback Steve Stephens; and Plant City, Florida, linebacker and tight end Mike Edwards, have flashy high school credentials.

With 22 lettermen, including 12 starters, graduating from last season's team, the Cowboys also dipped into the junior college ranks heavily, signing 10 players.

Several of those junior college transfers, including defensive back Clifton Sullivan, defensive ends Lorenzo Turner and Bobby Douglas and offensive linemen Ron Baker and William Miller, figure heavily in Oklahoma State's plans for 1975.

Also on hand are two transfers—quarterback Sylvester Berry, who led Tulsa Washington to the state title in 1971 and moved to OSU from Tulsa, and fullback Paul Sturdivant, the Moore native who was the outstanding player in the 1973 Oklahoma All-State game and went to Southern Methodist before transferring.

Oklahoma State head coach Jim Stanley understandably was pleased with the Cowboys' recruiting, particularly in Oklahoma, where he thought the Pokes more than held their own with Big Eight and national champion Oklahoma University.

"I feel that we out-recruited Oklahoma in the state," he said. "Last year, I felt that they got more of the top ones than we did. But this year, I don't feel that way."

What was the difference?

"We were luckier this time," said Stanley. "But it seems that the harder you work, the luckier you get.

"I'm not saying that OU's coaches didn't work hard, too, because I know they did. And they did very well, especially in Texas.

"But I like the players we signed in the state, and I like the idea of getting the players in the state first, because that's our first obligation."

Stanley never has worried about whether freshmen can play major-college football. He raised a few eyebrows last year when he said as many as 14 freshmen might play extensively for the Cowboys.

Many thought that the Pokes could not compete in the Big Eight if they were counting that heavily on freshmen. But OSU posted a 7-5 record.

"I see several freshmen playing again this season," said Stanley. "I have high hopes that all of the high school players we recruited will be in our picture, maybe not as starters, but certainly as players."

It is difficult to project how many and which of the newcomers will be able to play the most.

The Pokes return only four starters on defense, and are in particular need of help at end and linebacker and in the defensive secondary.

Such a shortage may help Irions and juco transfers Douglas, Turner and Clifton Sullivan.

Some of the freshmen also could be tried at other positions. Loggins can play running back, linebacker or tight end and Mike Edwards could play either linebacker or tight end.

And there is no way to predict injuries. Seven of the freshmen are primarily running backs and appear to rank behind returning starters Miller, Taylor and Robert Turner, as well as letterman Kenny Walker and junior Billy Jones.

"It may sound funny that we would need help at running back with the people we have returning," said Stanley. "But last year, we had seven offensive backs hurt at one time or another. Some of these freshmen could figure heavily in a situation like that.

"As a rule, freshmen have a better chance of contributing quickly at the skill positions."

As for junior college transfers, Stanley said, "They will have to help us now or be red-shirted because they only have two years and you can't afford to waste one of those years. But we're pleased with the junior college players we brought in." *For complete roster, see page 74.*

"We're Not Going to be as Good on Defense, But . . ."

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Dalke is especially tough and intelligent, and he will knock the daylights out of them."

The secondary is smaller than in recent years but fast and proven except at strong safety, where Randy Hughes played for three years in textbook fashion. Like Shoate, Hughes won't be replaced. Mike Birks, the probable starter, is shorter, lighter and slower than Hughes, but not a liability, says secondary coach Bobby Proctor. Scott Hill was scheduled to get a trial at strong safety but missed most of the spring with an eye injury. He will reenter the picture in August.

Henderson, OU's first full-time rookie starter since the freshman rule was enacted in '72, has 4.5 speed and had an outstanding spring. Cornerback Sidney Brown also has 4.5 speed. He became a starter when Eric Van Camp was disabled in the Texas game. Van Camp, with only 4.7 speed but dependability, returns as the other cornerback. They are propped by the inexperienced but talented likes of Terry Peters, Jerry Reese, Johnny Bunch, Jerry Anderson and Frank Rohr. "We've never had so many defensive backs who could play," Switzer says.

The defensive line is not that deep but it is Oklahoma's strongest point, because that is where the Selmons are. LeRoy, the gentle giant who weighs 260 and has 4.8 speed, seems destined to become the greatest tackle in OU history. Veteran NFL assistant Ken Shipp of the New York Jets said he gave LeRoy "the highest grade I've ever given a college prospect." Added Shipp: "The guy is absolutely fantastic."

Dewey, 248 and 4.9, may be the second-best lineman in the country, OU coaches believe. LeRoy will move to right tackle if Richard Murray wrests the other tackle from Bryant. "We would normally want our best tackle on the left side," Switzer explained, "but we know everybody is going to run away from LeRoy no matter where we put him. So we want the other tackle on the side where he plays best. Murray is better at left and LeRoy is super either place."

The 255-pound Murray, best of a heralded group of sophomore linemen, was threatening Bryant when the latter was injured in spring practice. They will have a lively battle.

Elrod, varsity wrestler and deceptively strong, gained to 212 in the spring and "looks like Tarzan," says defensive coordinator Larry Lacewell. Baccus (6-5, 220) will start at the other end if his knee is sound. If not, letterman Mike Phillips or redshirt sophomore Victor Brown will have first crack. Sophomore Terry Sherman is the fastest and most gifted of the ends, but faces an adjustment after moving from linebacker. Each is bigger but slower than Ron Waters, last year's other starter.

"We're not going to be as good as we've been on defense," Lacewell says, "but I feel pretty good about our chances. We have a lot of good players and for a change we have some depth—and we still have the Selmons."

And it may distress rivals to know that Switzer's luck has shown no indication of running out. During the depths of the recession last winter he invested in Pizza Hut stock. By spring his investment had doubled.

JIMBO ELROD (54) gained to 212 in the spring and "looks like Tarzan."

Elvis Peacock
(6-1, 185, So)
Horace Ivory
(5-11, 193, Jr)

JOE WASHINGTON
(5-10, 180, Sr)
Jimmy Rogers
(5-10, 182, So)

JIMMY LITTRELL
(5-11, 205, Sr)
James Culbreath
(6-0, 210, Jr)

Joe McReynolds
(6-2, 193, So)
Dean Blevins
(6-0, 178, So)

STEVE DAVIS
(5-10, 190, Sr)
Kerry Jackson
(5-11, 195, Sr)

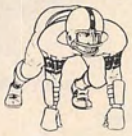
Craig Lund
(6-5, 223, Jr)
Victor Hicks
(6-4, 230, Fr)
Reggie Mathis
(6-3, 205, So)

MIKE VAUGHAN
(6-6, 290, Jr)
Ralph Kulbeth
(6-5, 272, Jr)

TERRY WEBB
(6-0, 241, Sr)
Jim Dodds
(6-5, 247, Jr)

Dennis Buchanan
(6-2, 216, Sr)
Jeff Bodin
(6-3, 217, Sr)

Jaime Melendez
(6-1, 246, So)
Larry Duke
(6-0, 225, Sr)



Chez Evans
(6-2, 265, Jr)
Leo Martin
(6-2, 242, Jr)

TINKER OWENS
(5-11, 168, Sr)
Bill Brooks
(6-3, 199, Sr)

JIMBO ELROD
(6-1, 212, Sr)
Victor Brown
(6-4, 199, So)

ANTHONY BRYANT
(6-3, 240, Jr)
Richard Murray
(6-3, 250, So)

DEWEY SELMON
(6-1, 248, Jr)
Glen Comeaux
(6-0, 217, Sr)

LeROY SELMON
(6-2, 259, Sr)
Harvey Johnson
(6-5, 215, So)

Duane Baccus
(6-5, 212, Jr)
Mike Phillips
(6-2, 207, Jr)

Bill Dalke
(5-11, 209, So)
Jamie Thomas
(6-1, 221, Sr)

Obie Moore
(6-0, 212, So)
Russell Williamson
(6-3, 208, So)

SIDNEY BROWN
(6-0, 195, Jr)
Frank Rhor
(5-11, 178, So)

ZAC HENDERSON
(6-1, 180, So)
Jerry Reese
(6-3, 182, Jr)

Mike Birks
(6-1, 191, Sr)
Scott Hill
(5-11, 191, Jr)

Eric Van Camp
(6-0, 171, Sr)
Terry Peters
(6-0, 178, Sr)

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CAPS indicate returning starters

SCOTT HILL

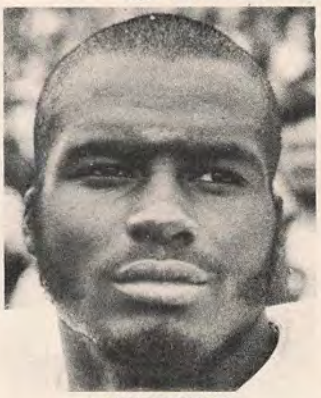
CHEZ EVANS

JIMMY LITTRELL

RICHARD MURRAY

OKLAHOMA ROSTER

GLEN COMEAUX



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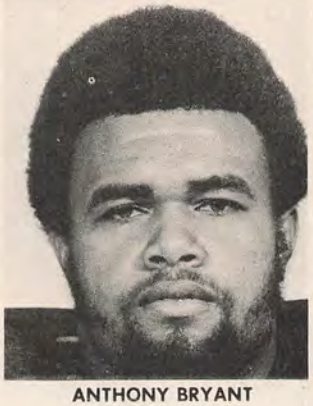

ANTHONY BRYANT

SIDNEY BROWN

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Anderson, Vickey Ray	HB	5-11	192	So	Oklahoma City, OK
Baccus, Duane	DE	6-5	212	Jr	Brownfield, TX
Baldischwiler, Karl	OT	6-5	215	So	Okmulgee, OK
Bentley, David	DT	6-4	239	Jr	Garland, TX
Birks, Mike	SS	6-1	191	Sr	Tulsa, OK
Bishop, Gary	DE	6-3	214	Jr	Findlay, OH
Blevins, Dean	QB	6-0	178	So	Norman, OK
Bodin, Jeff	C	6-3	217	Sr	Edmond, OK
Brecht, Marty	LB	6-2	214	Jr	Edmond, OK
Briggs, Larry	LCB	5-9	177	Sr	Vian, OK
Brooks, Billy	SE	6-3	199	Sr	Austin, TX
Brown, Jeff	HB	5-10	175	So	Oklahoma City, OK
Brown, Sidney	RCB	6-0	195	Jr	New Orleans, LA
Brown, Victor	DE	6-4	199	So	Newark, NJ
Bryant, Anthony	DT	6-3	240	Jr	Port Arthur, TX
Buchanan, Dennis	C	6-2	216	Sr	Oklahoma City, OK
Bunch, John	RB	6-0	185	So	Spiro, OK
Cantrell, Marshall	TE	6-4	213	So	Sapulpa, OK
Cargill, Brett	RT	6-4	228	So	Pleasant Hill, CA
Claphan, Sam	T	6-6	240	So	Stilwell, OK
Comeaux, Glen	NG	6-0	217	Sr	Port Arthur, TX
Coody, Reed	OT	6-2	247	Jr	Marlow, OK
Cox, Jeff	DE	6-0	203	So	Lakewood, CO
Crosswhite, Ken	FB	6-1	188	Jr	Hennessey, OK
Culbreath, James	FB	6-0	209	Jr	Haverford, PA
Dalke, Bill	LB	5-11	209	So	Hobart, OK
Davis George	LB	6-1	213	Jr	Sallisaw, OK
Davis, Steve	QB	5-10	190	Sr	Sallisaw, OK
DiRienzo, Tony	K	5-10	175	Sr	Ardmore, OK
Dodds, Jim	OT	6-5	247	Jr	Albuquerque, NM
Duke, Larry	LG	6-0	225	Sr	Borger, TX
Dutton, Todd	LB	63	232	Jr	Boulder, CO
Elrod, Jimbo	DE	6-1	197	Sr	Tulsa, OK
Estes, Joel	LB	6-6	218	So	Sherman, TX
Evans, Chez	DT	6-2	265	Jr	Seminole, OK
Farthing, Jody	LB	6-0	228	So	Midwest City, OK
Foster, Jerry	RHB	6-0	185	Sr	Monahans, TX
Griffis, Rusty	LB	6-3	200	So	Eufaula, OK
Harris, Calvin	FB	6-1	203	So	Conroe, TX
Henderson, Zac	FS	6-1	180	So	Burkburnett, TX
Hill, Butch	LCB	5-10	172	Jr	El Reno, OK
Hill, Scott	FS	5-11	191	Jr	Hurst, TX
Holman, Jay	OG	6-1	226	So	Altus, OK
Hover, Lee	SE	5-8	160	So	Morgan City, LA
Hudgins, Dave	DT	6-4	225	So	Tulsa, OK
Humphrey, Howard	TE	6-7	225	Fr	Morris, OK
Hutchings, Greg	SE	5-8	154	So	Hobbs, NM
Ivory, Horace	HB	5-11	193	Jr	Ft. Worth, TX

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Jackson, Kerry	QB	5-11	196	Sr	Galveston, TX
Johnson, Harvey	T-LB	6-5	215	So	Tulsa, OK
Kulbeth, Ralph	C	6-5	272	Jr	Marlow, OK
Larghe, Steve	SS	5-10	197	So	Arvada, CO
Linzy, Chavez	LB	6-0	196	Sr	Stillwater, OK
Littrell, Jimmy	FB	5-11	202	Sr	Muskogee, OK
Lund, Craig	DE	6-5	223	Jr	Richardson, TX
Martin, Leo	OT	6-2	242	Jr	Murfreesboro, TN
McCampbell, Richard	RHB	5-9	185	So	Pampa, TX
McCullough, Dan	LB	6-0	208	So	Long Beach, NJ
McReynolds, Joe	QB	6-2	193	So	Purcell, OK
Melendez, Jaime	OG	6-1	246	So	Lawton, OK
Mitchell, Mike	TE	5-11	197	So	Sallisaw, OK
Moore, Obie	LB	6-0	212	So	Austin, TX
Morton, Don	LB	6-0	218	Sr	Des Moines, IA
Murray, Richard	DT	6-3	250	So	Greenville, TX
Owens, Jimbo	SE	5-11	155	So	Miami, OK
Owens, Roger	SE	6-0	215	So	Mesquite, TX
Owens, Tinker	SE	5-11	168	Sr	Miami, OK
Patmon, Louis	QB	5-9	150	So	Crescent, OK
Peacock, Elvis	RHB	6-1	190	So	Miami, FL
Peters, Terry	RCB	6-0	178	So	Pauls Valley, OK
Phillips, Mike	DE	6-2	207	Jr	Galveston, TX
Phillips, Ted	LB	5-11	192	So	Tulsa, OK
Pleasant, Mike	DB	6-2	185	So	Muskogee, OK
Potters, Gary	TE	6-3	226	Sr	Santa Ana, CA
Randolph, John	TE	6-3	219	So	Seminole, OK
Reese Jerry	S	6-3	182	Jr	New Orleans, LA
Rogers, Jimmy	RB	5-10	185	So	Forrest City, AR
Rohr, Frank	LCB	5-11	178	So	Tulsa, OK
Roland, Phil	T	6-4	220	So	Broken Arrow, OK
Selmon, Dewey	NG	6-1	248	Sr	Eufaula, OK
Selmon, LeRoy	DT	6-2	259	Sr	Eufaula, OK
Sherman, Terry	LB	6-3	210	So	New Orleans, LA
Shoate, Myron	LHB	5-11	185	So	Spiro, OK
Simon, E. N.	LCB	5-10	192	Sr	Clinton, OK
Spencer, Mike	C	6-3	230	So	Houston, TX
Thomas, Jamie	LB	6-1	221	Sr	Ada, OK
Thomas, Keith	SS	6-3	195	Jr	Tomball, TX
Van Camp, Eric	RCB	6-0	171	Sr	Muskegon, MI
Vaughan, Mike	OT	6-6	290	Jr	Ada, OK
Walrond, George	NG	6-0	226	Jr	Lake Charles, LA
Ward, Jeff	T	6-5	225	So	Moore, OK
Washington, Joe	LHB	5-10	178	Sr	Port Arthur, TX
Webb, Terry	OG	6-0	241	Sr	Muskogee, OK
Westfall, Truman	TE	6-5	213	So	Brownwood, TX
Williamson, Russ	LB	6-3	208	So	Dallas, TX
Wright, Lonnie	OT	6-2	247	Jr	Choctaw, OK

"Freshman Harvest"

There may be better prospects here than on the Varsity!

By JIM WEEKS *Norman Transcript*

OU'S FOOTBALL COACHES have a reputation of being optimistic about their recruits each year.

So people might not have noticed so much this year when the Sooner coaches called their new crop the best they have recruited.

But people certainly started to notice when coaches of Southwest Conference teams admitted, some publicly and some privately, that the Sooners had done exceptionally well in Texas.

"You could take three of those names off the Oklahoma list and they would make anybody's year successful," said Grant Teaff, coach of Baylor's 1974 Southwest Conference champions.

"This is the best over-all group from top to bottom that we've ever had," said Jerry Pettibone, OU's recruiting coordinator. "We got more of the top selections than ever before.

The Sooners claimed so many athletes with outstanding credentials, it is difficult to decide where to start. Of the nine high school All-Americans signed, at least four are "can't miss" prospects.

They are halfback Gregg Byram of Norman High; fullback Mike Gaither of Tulsa (Oklahoma) Memorial; fullback and end Reggie Mathis, who made All-America at Notre Dame High of Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1973 and played at Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, Texas, last season, and halfback Billy Sims of Hooks, Texas.

The 6-foot, 194-pound Sims was the most highly sought of the group. He rushed for 7,738 yards in three seasons. That figure is topped by only one other player in Texas high school history. Kenneth Hall of Sugarland rushed for an unbelievable 11,232 yards in 1950-51-52-53.

Sims, who was one of the 11 players selected by Southwest Conference coaches for the Dallas Times-Herald Blue Chip List, rushed for more than 200 yards in 17 games in his career.

He has run the 220-yard dash in 21.8 seconds, leaped 22 feet in the long jump and put the shot more than 50 feet.

Byram's achievements would leave the legendary Frank Merriwell gasping.

The 6-foot-3, 175-pounder was an All-State selection in both football and basketball and established the state record of 38.2 in the 330-yard intermediate hurdles.

Byram rushed for 1,058 yards and scored 11 touchdowns on a team with a losing record in his senior year and rushed for 1,048 yards and scored 15 touchdowns in his junior year. He also set a school record with 581 points in basketball in his senior year.

On a whim, the fiery competitor entered the long jump in an invitational meet and cleared 20 feet to win the event.

At 6-foot-2, 207 pounds, Gaither is considered an outstanding prospect as a fullback or linebacker. He was one of the most highly recruited players in Oklahoma and once rushed for 310 yards in one game last season.

Mathis attended Navarro Junior College only one year before transferring to OU this fall and will have three years of major-college eligibility.

He is 6 feet, 3 inches tall and weighs 205 pounds and has run the 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds.

OU signed two other players who were named to the Times-Herald Blue Chip List.

They are quarterback Thomas Lott of John Jay High in San Antonio and tackle Phil Tabor of Spring Branch High in Houston.

The 6-3, 180-pound speedster did play halfback as a junior but was converted to quarterback last season. And OU's coaches considered him the best prospect for a Wishbone quarterback in Texas in 1974.

Lott also was the second-team quarterback on the Class AAAA All-State team.

Tabor was first-team choice on the Class AAA team. He also tossed the discus 188 feet last spring.

Another tackle, 6-5, 220-pound Mark Wilson of Lake Highlands High in Dallas, just missed the Blue Chip List by one vote.

And Tabor's twin brother, Paul, might have been on that list had he not been injured and missed some games in 1974. He also is 6-4 and weighs 220 pounds.

Another line recruit, 6-1, 240-pound Alvin Dixon of Conroe, Texas, was selected on the preseason Top Eleven in Texas but missed postseason honors after missing half the season because of a knee injury.

OU signed four other Texas All-Staters.

They are 6-4, 200-pound Daryl Hunt, Class AAAA first-team linebacker choice; Wayne Pettis of Monahans, a Class AAA first-team halfback choice on offense and second-team selection on defense; halfback Kenneth King of Clarendon, Class AAA first-team choice; and linebacker Greg Sellmyer of Palo Duro High in Amarillo, Class AAAA second-team selection.

Another outstanding line prospect is Bill O'Gara, 6-3, 230-pounder from Bishop Miege High in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. And OU hopes that by recruiting him, the Sooners may have opened the door to the talent-laden Kansas City area.

John Trest, 6-6, 250-pounder from Altus, Oklahoma, is another example of the excellent all-around athlete recruited by OU.

Trest was an end and tackle on Altus' football team, started on the state runner-up basketball team and is considered a professional prospect as a pitcher.

Two other Texas recruits did not obtain a great many honors but are considered top prospects.

Bud Hebert, a split receiver from South Park High in Beaumont, Texas, missed his senior year because of a knee injury. But he is listed as the fastest of the 1975 recruits with a 4.4-second 40-yard dash. He also won the Class AAAA long jump title with a leap of 24 feet, ¾ inch as a junior.

And Greg Roberts, 6-4, 212-pound linebacker from Nacogdoches, Texas, received no preseason acclaim and few honors following the season. But he developed fast during the season and some coaches believe he may have been the best linebacker prospect in the state.

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The Sooners' Proud

AN IVORY PEACOCK

By JIM WEEKS *Norman Transcript*

THE POSITION IS starting right halfback on the defending mythical national championship University of Oklahoma football team.

The leading candidates are Elvis Peacock and Horace Ivory.

Neither has proven himself as a starter in major-college football competition.

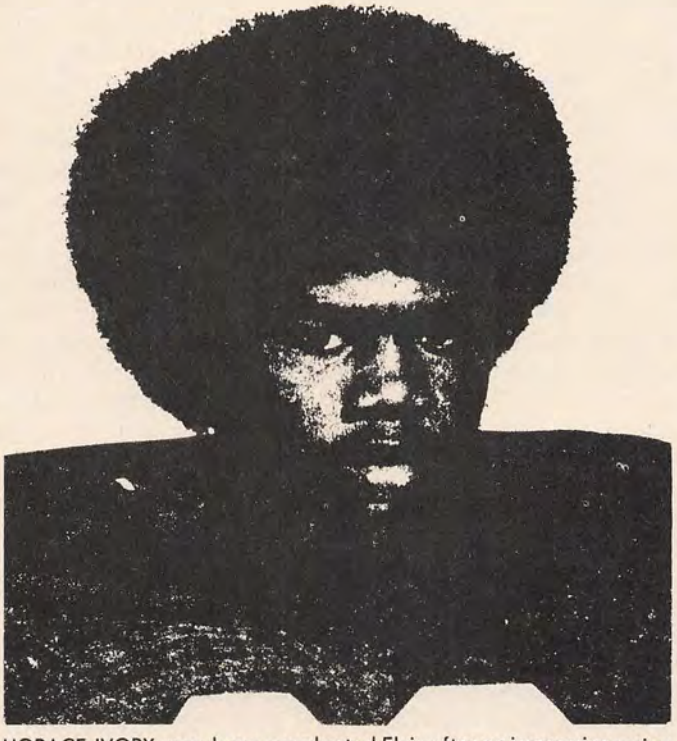
Peacock rushed for 428 yards, scored seven touchdowns and averaged 7.7 yards a carry as a reserve during his freshman year in 1974.

At the same time, Ivory, a transfer from Navarro Junior College in Corsicana, Texas, was being red-shirted and was working out with the Sooner scout team. That's the team that imitates the opponent's offense for OU defenders each week.

Nevertheless, OU Head Coach Barry Switzer is expecting a great deal of Peacock and Ivory.

"If Ivory is healthy, we could have the three best running backs we've had since I've been here," said Switzer, who is entering his 10th season as an OU coach.

"I think it can compare to 1971 when we had Greg Pruitt, Joe Wylie and Roy Bell (at halfbacks)."



HORACE IVORY may have supplanted Elvis after an impressive spring

That was the first full season that OU operated in the Wishbone formation and the Sooners established the incredible national records of averaging 566.5 yards in total offense and 472.4 yards rushing per game. Those marks still stand.

Peacock and Ivory alternated between left halfback and right halfback last spring.

"But I'll tell you one thing: they're not competing for that position," Switzer said, referring to left halfback, currently being occupied by All-American Joe Washington.

"I hope they both prove to be good players and both deserve to start. If that happens, we could use them the way we do Owens and Brooks."

He referred to split ends Tinker Owens and Billy Brooks, who played on alternate series last season.

"I also want them to be able to play both positions, in case anything would happen to Joe (Washington). God forbid."

That statement may indicate Switzer's awareness that in 1974, OU's starting halfbacks finished the season without a crippling injury to at least one for the first time in four seasons.

Peacock and Ivory have many things in common, although their styles vary somewhat.

They are about the same size. Peacock is six feet tall and weighs a deceiving 195 pounds. Ivory is 5-11 and weighs 195.

"Elvis' strong points are his strength and speed," Switzer said. "He has great speed. He's as fast as Pruitt in the 40 (yard dash). In fact, he may be the fastest we've had.

"He is not going to be a great inside runner. But he has the speed to cut and get outside."

Peacock was timed at :09.4 seconds in the 100-yard dash at Central High School in Miami, Florida.

Ivory's fastest time in the 100 was :09.9 seconds when he competed at Nolan High School in Fort Worth, Texas.

But Switzer insists: "Ivory has great speed. He is probably a better jump-around type runner. He's older and more mature physically."

Peacock is only 17. Ivory is 20.

"Horace is a physically tough back, if we can just keep him healthy."

Ivory has been hampered by a series of injuries since transferring to Oklahoma for the spring semester in 1974. He has been

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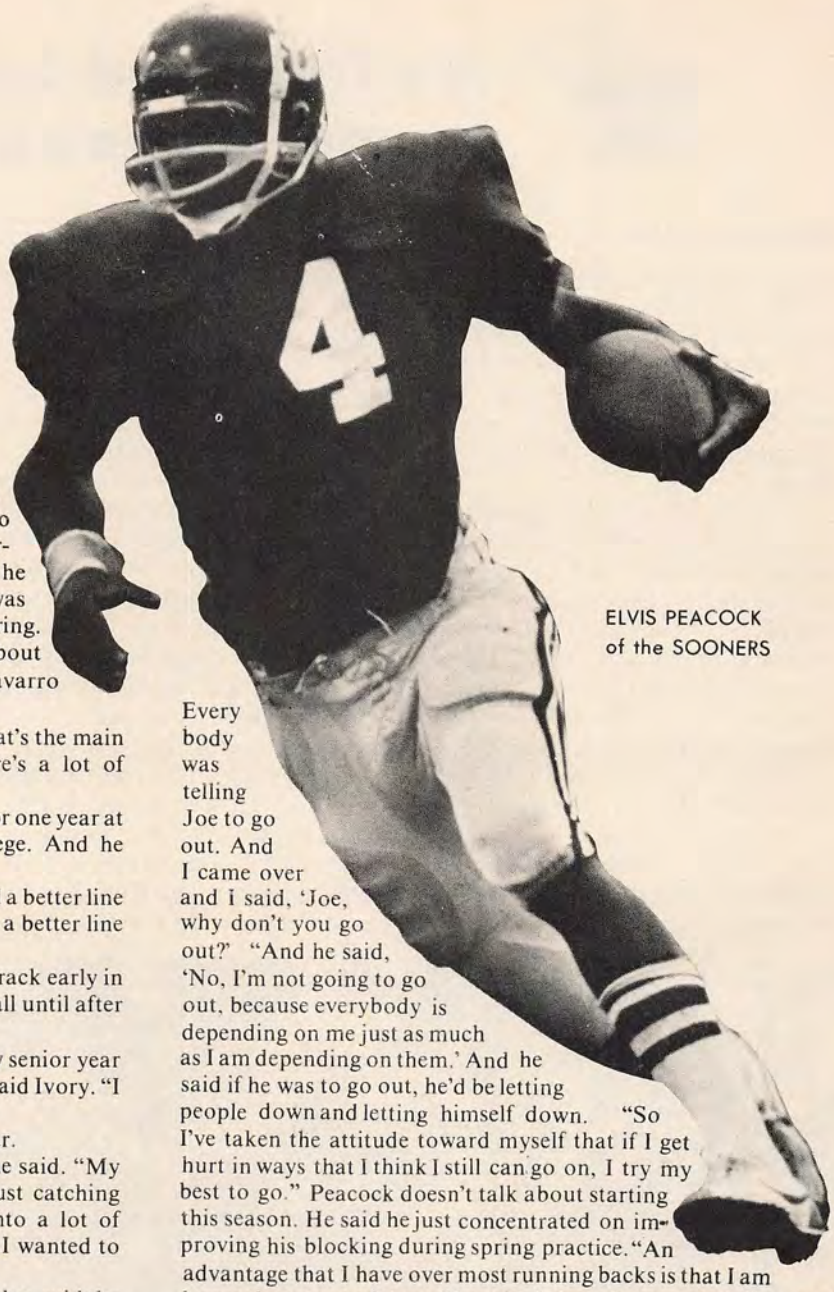

ELVIS PEACOCK
of the SOONERS

bothered by a calcium deposit on a hamstring muscle since his senior year in high school. After two weeks of practice in the spring of 1974, Ivory underwent surgery for removal of the deposit. Last fall he was sidelined because of pulled tendons and he was hampered by a hip pointer early in practice last spring. But Ivory is optimistic although he is realistic about the caliber of competition. When he was there, Navarro won 17 games and lost four.

Of his goals at OU, Ivory said, "First to start. That's the main thing. Then whatever comes after that. But there's a lot of competition. That's all it is, really."

Ivory has more exerience in the Wishbone, used for one year at Nolan and both seasons at Navarro Junior College. And he played right halfback in the Wishbone.

"The Wishbones were about the same except I had a better line in junior college than I did in high school and I have a better line here than in junior college," Ivory said.

Both Ivory and Peacock were more interested in track early in their careers and didn't develop an interest in football until after they had played in high school.

"I really wasn't that interested in football until my senior year and I thought I had an opportunity to go to college," said Ivory. "I was just doing it because it was something to do."

Peacock was moved to halfback in his junior year.

"That's when I really got interested in football," he said. "My 10th-grade year I was a wide receiver and I was just catching passes. But when I started running and getting into a lot of contact, that's when I really made up my mind that I wanted to make football one of my ambitions in life."

Peacock, who was named for entertainer Elvis Presley, said the highlight of last season for him personally was a 54-yard return of a punt for a touchdown against Kansas State.

"That was the first time I've ever caught a punt and run it back," he said. "In high school, they never kicked it to me. They always kicked it away or just kicked it so I couldn't get it.

"Coach told me at half time that they were taking Joe out and they wanted me to catch punts. I wasn't practicing on them that much. I thought maybe I was going to get in there and drop the punt. But I caught it, went to the right and they formed a wall and I ended up in the end zone.

"It was the high point of the season for me."

Peacock rushed for 75 yards in seven carries against Colorado, 72 yards on 14 carries and scored two touchdowns against Utah State and gained 64 yards on only four carries and scored a touchdown on a 55-yard run against Wake Forest.

Peacock also had a 12-yard run on the 30-yard drive that set up OU's winning field goal in its 16-13 triumph over Texas.

He scored on a one-yard run to give OU a 21-14 lead in the Sooners' 28-14 victory over Nebraska. It was on that drive that Peacock said he learned a valuable lesson from Joe Washington.

"Joe was lead blocking on the end," he said. "And Joe's shoulder started bothering him. Everybody was telling Joe to go out. And I came over and I said, 'Joe, why don't you go out?' "And he said, 'No, I'm not going to go out, because everybody is depending on me just as much as I am depending on them.' And he said if he was to go out, he'd be letting people down and letting himself down. "So I've taken the attitude toward myself that if I get hurt in ways that I think I still can go on, I try my best to go." Peacock doesn't talk about starting this season. He said he just concentrated on improving his blocking during spring practice. "An advantage that I have over most running backs is that I am larger than most of them," he said. "I have better speed. I'm not as quick as some other backs, but I think size and strength make up for that."

Peacock feels a strong tie to Gene Hochevar, the OU assistant coach who recruited him.

"I really thought I had the ability to play, but I knew I had to come in here and prove myself," he said of his freshman campaign. "Coach Hochevar told me that they were going to give me a chance. And everybody would get a fair shot at making the team. So I just made up my mind that I wanted to prove something to myself and prove something to my family and show Coach Hochevar that I appreciate all the time he spent away from his family to recruit me. I just wanted to do something for him and my family.

"I feel toward Coach Hochevar like I feel toward my own brothers and friends."

Peacock has one other ambition this season: he wants to play in the Orange Bowl, not once but twice during the 1975 season.

The Sooners are scheduled to play the University of Miami in the Orange Bowl in OU's third game of the season.

But to play there again, the Sooners will have to win the Big Light Conference championship. And the Sooner at right halfback is likely to have something to say about that.

It's Third and Long for the Jayhawks in 1975

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Lindsey Mason is a prospect.

Offensive tackle—Scott is set on one side and juniors Blake Thompson (6-6, 240) and David Howerton (6-4, 250) are battling for the other job. "They have to come through to give us strength and depth in the line," says Moore.

Offensive guard—Morris Pippin, who moved into the starting lineup late last year, and Leonard Schmitz are the front runners. "They are scramblers," says Moore. "They're not gifted with a great deal of strength. They'll have to fight their hearts out to be winners." Two-year letterman Ace Boydston, who has started, also is available.

Center—Veteran John Morgan returns and Moore is hopeful of more consistency from the 6-1, 235-pound senior with 4.8 speed. "At times he displays the ability to be a good football player," says Moore.

Defensive backs—"Our secondary will be as good as anybody's," says Van Zandt, thinking of Knoff, Cromwell and cornerback Steve Taylor—the latter a consistent, competitive performer. Injury redshirt Tom Fitch (4.8) probably will land at the other corner. Caleb Rowe and Chris Golub will press for playing time.

Linebackers—Most teams in the Big Eight lost linebackers and Kansas is no exception. "The key to any defense is linebacking," says Moore. "We want them to make tackles sideline to sideline. It's a major point of concern now because we don't have any playing experience and we had several people hurt we were counting on to play." Those include former utilityman Terry Beeson, who broke a leg falling on the ice and missed spring work; juco transfer Randy Cox, who tore up a knee early; and letterman Don Pile, who injured a leg. Rick Kovatch has some experience and 6-5, 205-pound Jim Young is potentially a good one.

Defensive end—Another big question mark because holdover Les Barnes has a ruptured disc and may not be able to play. Sophomore Tom Dinkel made a great deal of progress in the spring—"a real pleasant surprise; he got better every day," says Van Zandt. Steve Jones and Mike Wellman are other possibilities.

Defensive tackle—The injury bugaboo struck again with veteran Paul Van Saun requiring surgery. "Until he received an injury, he was the most consistent defensive player we had," says Moore. "Whether he comes back full tilt will make a difference." Butler is solid on the other side.

Noseguard—Sophomore Jim Emerson looms as the man. "He paid a price to play, going from 300 pounds to 263," says Moore. "He has good quickness for a big man, but he'll need work to develop consistency." Butch Mascarello, 5-11 and 210, isn't as physically awesome, but Moore calls him "tough as nails." John Scanlan, last year's back to Mike Lemon, will be coming off a spring injury.

Kicking—Bob Swift, who has had ups and downs as both a punter and place kicker, was the only specialist on the field in the spring. Mike Love, who played baseball, did some of the placements and field goal kicking last year. "Consistency is Swift's problem," analyzes Moore. "He has the ability to kick the ball out of the stadium. I prefer the 40-yard kick that stays in the air four seconds to the 70-yarder or the 25-yarder."

Freshmen will wind up playing somewhere, sometime for the depth-shy Jayhawks. "I don't know who they are," says Moore, "but for us to have a competitive football team, some freshmen are going to have to play for us.

"The main thing we have to do," Moore summarized, "is to keep from beating ourselves. We can't afford to be inconsistent and make mental mistakes. Even though we'll lack experience at many positions, we just have to be able to react to any situation. And we can't have injuries."

It all adds up to a third-and-long situation for Kansas in '75.

TAYLOR (34) AND BARNES (99) surround Bean of Texas A&M.

BILLY CAMPFIELD
(6-1, 190, So)
Clif Doran
(6-1, 205, Jr)

LAVERNE SMITH
(6-0, 190, Jr)
Skip Sharp
(6-0, 175, Jr)

Dennis Wright
(6-2, 210, Jr)
Skip Johnson
(6-1, 210, So)

Scott McCamy
(6-0, 205, Jr)
SCOTT McMICHAEL
(6-3, 190, Jr)

NOLAN CROMWELL
(6-2, 190, Jr)
Tom Krattli
(6-0, 180, Jr)

Jim Michaels
(6-4, 200, Jr)
GREGG HOSACK
(6-4, 215, Sr)

DAVE SCOTT
(6-4, 270, Sr)
Rick Summers
(6-4, 250, So)

Leonard Schmitz
(6-4, 220, Sr)
ACE BOYDSTON
(6-3, 225, Sr)

JOHN MORGAN
(6-1, 235, Sr)
Al Shank
(6-1, 215, Jr)

Morris Pippin
(6-3, 240, Jr)
Dave Sheline
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Blake Thompson
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Dave Howerton
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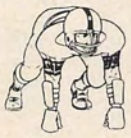


EDDIE LEWIS
(6-0, 170, Sr)
Paul Bower
(5-11, 165, Sr)
Jim Fender
(6-1, 175, Jr)

Tom Dinkel
(6-3, 220, So)
Mike Wellman
(6-4, 225, So)

MIKE BUTLER
(6-6, 255, Jr)
Roger Hammond
(6-3, 230, Jr)

Jim Emerson
(6-3, 290, So)
John Scanlan
(6-2, 210, Sr)

Paul Van Saun
(6-3, 245, Sr)
Paul Margheim
(6-7, 230, Jr)

Steve Jones
(6-2, 230, Jr)
LES BARNES
(6-2, 210, Jr)
Jim German
(6-1, 195, So)

Don Pile
(6-3, 215, Jr)
Jim Young
(6-5, 205, So)

Rick Kovatch
(6-2, 225, Sr)
Jim Lob
(6-3, 220, So)
Terry Beeson
(6-3, 240, Jr)

STEVE TAYLOR
(6-4, 210, Sr)
Caleb Rowe
(5-10, 180, So)

EDDIE LEWIS
(6-0, 170, Sr)
Chris Golub
(6-3, 200, Jr)

KURT KNOFF
(6-2, 200, Sr)
Jud Mitchell
(6-4, 200, Jr)

Tom Fitch
(6-1, 200, So)
Ron Darmon
(6-0, 200, Jr)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

KURT KNOFF (18) catapults over Taylor to collar a Texas Aggie runner.

IT'S HARD TO KEEP KNOFF OUT

The blue-eyed Jayhawk with physical talent plus "something inside the rib cage."

By **CHUCK WOODLING** *Lawrence Journal-World*

EARLY IN THE FOURTH quarter of the Kansas State game, Kurt Knoff read his key, rolled to the left, spotted the KSU ball carrier and walloped him out of bounds.

Knoff lay there for a second, quickly bounced up and returned to his position as strong safety in the Kansas secondary.

Just one more tackle in a long string of stops made by the premier defensive back in the Big Eight, a two-time consensus all-conference selection with one year remaining in his career.

Or was it that commonplace a tackle? Turns out it wasn't. Kurt Knoff was knocked out on his feet, yet played the remainder of the game, making several key stops as the Jayhawks survived a late scare to halt the Wildcats 20-13.

"I was only out about eight or nine minutes," Knoff revealed straight-faced. "I should have left the game, but for some reason I didn't. I guess I was pretty lucky to have done everything right."

Was it luck or was it talent? Probably a combination of the two. Yet when you take a great all-around athlete, like Knoff is, and add in the all-important intangible, you have what All-America-types are made of.

"What Knoff has," says former KU coach Don Fambrough, "is the great instinct for playing in the secondary. He has no fear."

As far as Knoff's physical skills are concerned, the handwriting has been on the wall since he grabbed the attention of the entire State of Minnesota while doing everything but coach every sport at East Grand Forks High. For his football, basketball and baseball skills, he was voted by one newspaper High School Athlete of the Year.

Since Northwest Minnesota is not exactly a stomping ground for Kansas recruiters, word of Knoff's prowess might not have gone drifting up the Kaw River if it weren't for relatives in Kansas City.

One of them was Al Haas, a staunch Jayhawk alum who figured Kansas ought to get its bid in. Fambrough didn't have to be told twice.

"It was in his senior year when we started recruiting him," Fambrough recalled, "and there was no doubt we were onto a real outstanding athlete . . . you know . . . one that really makes your mouth water. There was nothing we could find out bad about him."

Eventually Knoff narrowed his choices to Kansas and Minnesota with the Jayhawks winning out on the strength of a promise to let him play . . . or at least try . . . three varsity sports.

And in his freshman year, the 6-3, 185-pound blond from the suburbs of Grand Forks, N.D., did just that. Recruited as a wide receiver, Knoff switched to the defensive secondary because that's where the Jayhawks needed help.

He was the only freshman to letter in football that year and the first frosh monogram winner at KU since World War II.

Then he made his only appearance in a Kansas basketball uniform. Hindered by a late-season knee injury in football, Knoff played in just a couple of junior varsity games. His cage aspirations died.

"I kind of had a feeling," Kurt concedes, "that football and baseball were my best sports. I don't miss

basketball that much. I thought I'd miss it more. In fact, two sports keep you busy . . . too busy, really."

Baseball is, of course, Knoff's other sport now. As a sophomore he led the Jayhawks in seven offensive categories while playing centerfield and even compiled a better-than-average record as a pitcher despite the fact he doesn't have a curve ball.

That may seem strange to those who subscribe to the idiom that all left-handers have a natural curve. But Kurt Knoff, although he throws left-handed, is not . . . well . . . left-handed.

The only thing he does with his left arm is throw a baseball . . . or football, if the situation warrants. He bats from the right side in baseball and, if called upon, would kick a football with his right foot.

Should he have gone on with basketball, KU fans may have well marvelled at his ambidexterity. Inside of eight or nine feet, all his shots go up left-handed. But he shoots a right-hand jumper from long range.

Confusing? Well, it is to Knoff, too.

"I'm not sure what started me throwing left-handed," Kurt admits somewhat puzzled. "All I know is that everyone else in my family is right-handed so maybe that's why I did a lot of things, too."

Leroy and Clara Knoff moved their family from the small, farming community of Drayton, N.D., to East Grand Forks in 1963. There were two girls and three boys, all of whom bear first names starting with a "K."

Of the Knoff brood of Kerry, Kathy, Kristin, Kurt and Kim, it soon became apparent one stood out athletically from all the others.

Kerry, now 24, was the oldest son and played some football and baseball at Concordia (Minnesota) College. Kim, the baby of the family, also dabbled in those sports.

Kim is now a sophomore at Kansas and stays close to the football program as a student equipment manager. He knows he is not the athletic image of his brother.

"When I was in junior high," says Kim, "and Kurt was setting the world on fire in high school, I started being compared to him. I started feeling the pressure. Then after my sophomore year, I didn't worry anymore."

There is, as you can imagine, a little bit of hero worship in Kim Knoff who admits that "no matter what we did around the neighborhood, Kurt was always first. But, I'll tell you, he always worked his butt off, too."

Indeed you can compress a lot of physical talent into the bones, muscles and sinews of a young man, but you aren't going to get a Kurt Knoff unless you include something inside the rib cage.

Most defensive backs earn their reputations through pass interceptions. Kurt Knoff goes into his senior year with a career total of six, an average of just three steals a season. Nothing spectacular.

Yet Knoff has moved into the limelight for another reason. As a tackler, a vicious tackler to be more precise, he is without peer.

Knoff solidified his reputation in the Oklahoma State game his sophomore year. His collision with Alfred Nelms, a Cowboy running back, was positively frightening—a helmet-on-helmet smash which frightened all who witnessed it.

"It was one of the hardest blows I've seen," Fambrough whistled. "I thought both of 'em were dead. As it was, Kurt was embarrassed about being knocked cuckoo."

Knoff returned to the game; Nelms didn't.

Twice last year Knoff was cold-cocked. Once was in that Kansas State game where he simply lost his memory. The other came when he submarined Colorado's Terry Kunz and took a knee in the helmet.

The latter instance was the only time Knoff had to be assisted off the field.

"Those things happen," Knoff says matter-of-factly. "If you started worrying about them, you wouldn't be doing your job."

Not that Kurt Knoff isn't human. He worried plenty last season, probably more than he ever has in his life. Just prior to fall practice, his father died of a heart attack.

"My dad dying made it really tough to get into football," Kurt confessed in retrospect. "For four or five weeks my mind just wasn't in it."

Then while practicing a week after the season opener, Kurt slapped his left hand on a teammate's helmet and broke his thumb. He missed the next two games and played the remainder of the campaign with his hand heavily wrapped.

"The worst thing was that I couldn't catch the ball for three or four weeks," Kurt explained. "I was playing pretty much without a thumb. When I tackled people I couldn't wrap them up. It was a weird sensation. I missed a few tackles that I wouldn't have missed before."

Compounding Kurt's vexing junior year was the fact that Kansas dropped its last six games. To be named All-Big Eight for the second straight year was, therefore, a bittersweet sensation.

"Yes, I was surprised," he says of the honor. "I didn't feel like I'd played up to my expectations. All in all it was a disappointing year for me."

Which brings us, of course, to 1975 and what amounts to Knoff's avowal to go out a winner, both on the field and in the wire services.

"I'm just not used to losing," he stresses. "It's a tough transition for me. All through high school I played on a winner.

"I'm approaching my senior year the same as all the others . . . except I'd like to go out a winner and help the team as much as possible."

Both professional football and baseball obviously have their eyes on the blue-eyed Jayhawk with, as they say, all the tools.

Which will he choose?

"I don't know," he says as if he means it. "I like baseball, but at this point I may prefer football. Baseball has its advantages, though."

Not that professional sports are a must. Knoff, after all, hasn't shown that all those blows to the head have scrambled his brains. He carries a 3.3 grade-point average in business administration.

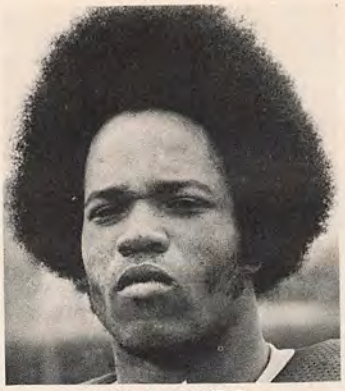
All in all, there's a lot about Kurt Knoff which, on the surface, is too good to be true. Surely, though, there must be something—some sport, for instance—which Knoff can't handle.

What about . . . oh, let's say . . . ping pong?

"No," says brother Kim, harking back to many a paddle game in the Knoff homestead. "He's REALLY good at that."

NOLAN CROMWELL

STEVE TAYLOR



BILL CAMPFIELD

KANSAS ROSTER

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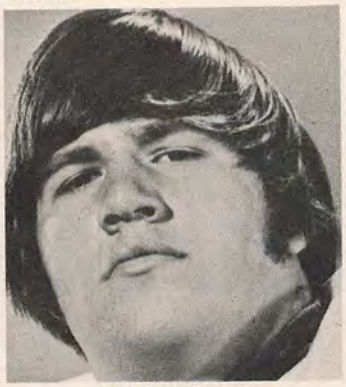

JOHN MORGAN

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Albert, Duane	SS	6-0	185	So	Larned, KS
Andalikiewicz, Tom	DT	6-3	220	So	Kansas City, KS
Bailey, Dave	FS	6-0	190	So	Topeka, KS
Barnes, Les	DE	6-2	210	Jr	Port Lavaca, TX
Barrington, Doug	DT	6-4	240	So	Shawnee Mission, KS
Beal, Mike	DT	6-5	220	So	Kansas City, MO
Beeson, Terry	DT	6-3	240	Jr	Coffeyville, KS
Begay, Les	LB	6-2	215	Sr	Arkansas City, KS
Belt, Jim	CB	6-0	190	So	Washington, DC
Birmingham, Sean	HB	5-1	195	So	Kansas City, MO
Blair, Jeff	DE	6-2	210	Sr	East Lansing, MI
Bonny, Clayton	FB	6-1	190	So	Steamboat Springs, CO
Bower, Paul	WR	5-11	165	Sr	Shawnee, KS
Boydston, Ace	OG	6-3	225	Sr	Riverside, IL
Boyer, Mark	LB	5-11	215	So	Shawnee Mission, KS
Butler, Mike	DT	6-6	255	Jr	Washington, DC
Calovich, Jerry	DE	6-3	210	So	Kansas City, MO
Campfield, Bill	HB	6-1	190	So	Derby, KS
Coffman, Richard	K	6-2	175	So	Hinsdale, IL
Cromwell, Nolan	QB-FS	6-2	190	Jr	Ransom, KS
Darmon, Ron	CB	6-0	200	Jr	Wichita, KS
DeMarea, Jim	NG	6-3	220	Jr	Kansas City, MO
Dinkel, Tom	DE	6-3	220	So	Topeka, KS
Doherty, Jeff	TE	6-4	200	So	Wichita, KS
Doran, Clif	FB	6-1	205	Jr	Kansas City, MO
Dorian, Mark	WR	6-1	160	Jr	Wichita, KS
Ediger, Mac	HB	6-1	185	So	Topeka, KS
Elliott, Steve	FB	6-3	210	Sr	Kansas City, MO
Emerson, Jim	NG	6-3	262	So	Great Bend, KS
Farmer, Matt	CB	5-10	180	Sr	Shawnee Mission, KS
Fender, Jim	WR	6-1	175	Jr	Russell, KS
Feinstein, Lee	HB	5-7	150	So	West Hartford, CN
Fitch, Tom	CB	6-1	200	So	Topeka, KS
German, Jim	DE	6-1	195	So	St. Louis, MO
Gilmore, Jerry	TE	6-3	220	Jr	Arkansas City, KS
Golub, Chris	FS	63	200	Jr	Shawnee Mission, KS
Griffin, Bill	OG	6-3	225	Jr	Kansas City, MO
Hammond, Roger	DT	6-3	230	Jr	Lee's Summit, MO
Henry, Bob	LB	6-4	230	Jr	Shawnee Mission, KS
Hentges, Dave	C	6-4	225	Jr	St. Joseph, MO
Hosack, Gregg	TE	6-4	215	Sr	Kansas City, MO
Howerton, Dave	OT	6-4	250	Jr	Carthage, MO
Johnson, Skip	FB	6-1	210	So	Shawnee Mission, KS
Jones, Steve	DE	6-2	230	Jr	Englewood, NJ
Knoff, Kurt	SS	6-2	200	Sr	East Grand Forks, MN
Kovatch, Rick	LB	6-2	225	Sr	Cleveland Heights, OH

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Krattli, Tom	QB	6-0	180	Jr	Leavenworth, KS
Learned, John	WR	6-2	180	Sr	Oklahoma City, OK
Lewis, Eddie	CB	6-0	170	Sr	Mobile, AL
Loyd, Mike	QB	6-4	210	So	Joplin, MO
Lob, Jim	LB	6-3	220	So	Shawnee Mission, KS
Manning, Jim	HB	5-10	175	Jr	Shawnee Mission, KS
Margheim, Paul	DT	6-7	230	Jr	Great Bend, KS
Mascarello, Butch	NG	5-11	210	So	Omaha, NE
Mason, Lindsey	TE	6-6	225	So	Baltimore, MD
McCamy, Scott	QB	6-0	205	Jr	St. Joseph, MO
McMichael, Scott	QB	6-3	190	Jr	Shawnee Mission, KS
Michaels, Jim	TE	6-4	200	Jr	West Caldwell, NJ
Mitchell, Jud	SS	6-4	200	Jr	Wellington, KS
Morgan, John	C	6-1	235	Sr	Wauwatosa, WI
O'Doherty, Tom	C	6-2	225	So	Omaha, NE
O'Leary, Dan	CB	6-1	190	Jr	Old Bethpage, NY
Osborn, Frank	OT	6-4	250	So	Elk Falls, KS
Pile, Don	LB	6-3	215	Jr	Garden City, KS
Pippin, Morris	OG	6-3	240	Jr	Independence, MO
Prince, Calvin	HB	5-10	195	Jr	Americus, GA
Ragsdale, Jim	OG	6-2	220	Fr	Kansas City, MO
Reust, Andy	CB	5-10	170	Jr	North Kansas City, MO
Rowe, Caleb	CB	5-10	180	So	Leavenworth, KS
Rus, Steve	FS	6-3	200	Sr	Riverside, IL
Scanlan, John	NG	6-2	210	Sr	Lawrence, KS
Schmitz, Leonard	OG	6-4	220	Sr	Salina, KS
Scott, Dave	OT	6-4	270	Sr	Patterson, NJ
Shank, Al	C	6-1	215	Jr	Liberal, KS
Sharp, Skip	HB	6-0	175	Jr	Kansas City, KS
Sheline, Dave	OG	6-2	230	Jr	Oklahoma City, OK
Smith, Laverne	HB	6-0	190	Jr	Wichita, KS
Smith, Waddell	WR	6-2	180	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
Stewart, Tom	K	5-8	165	So	Shawnee Mission, KS
Summers, Rick	OT	6-4	250	So	Pompton Plains, NJ
Swift, Bob	K	6-2	195	Sr	Shawnee Mission, KS
Talley, Darrell	FB	6-1	225	So	Fort Worth, TX
Taylor, Steve	CB	6-4	210	Sr	Fort Worth, TX
Thompson, Blake	OT	6-6	240	Jr	Leavenworth, KS
Tucker, Tom	WR	6-1	185	Jr	Johnson, KS
Van Saun, Paul	DT	6-3	245	Sr	Hawthorne, NJ
Van Sickle, Herschel	OG	6-2	205	Jr	Port Lavaca, TX
Wellman, Mike	DE	6-4	225	So	Lawrence, KS
Wright, Dennis	FB	6-2	210	Jr	Mound City, MO
Yanz, Craig	HB	6-0	185	So	West Des Moines, IA
Young, Jim	LB	6-5	205	So	Joplin, MO

"Freshman Harvest"

Balagna, Tushaus, Gordon, King, Zidd and Jackson may be the best group of line prospects in the Big 8

By CHUCK WOODLING *Lawrence Journal-World*

WHEN BUD MOORE TOOK OVER as Kansas football coach last December, he said he and his staff would work 24 hours a day, seven days a week to build a solid program.

What he didn't say was that he'd travel to the four corners of the United States seeking prospects. Moore should have, because it's apparent that's exactly what he did.

No fewer than 14 different states are represented on the list of prospects Moore is bringing to Mount Oread in his first year as Jayhawk head coach.

The bulk (if that's the word) of the recruits come from Texas. But there are just six from the Lone Star State.

Actually both sides of the border in the Kansas City area provide the biggest total—seven.

If there is a trend toward what type of athlete Kansas went after, it is not readily discernible. They come in all shapes and sizes from little Bobby Bass (5-6, 160) to big Joe Gordon (6-4, 250).

All in all, Kansas' list is a veritable melting pot of some of the nation's elite preps and junior college products.

"It is," says KU recruiting coordinator Hank Hettwer simply, "a good group of quality athletes which we feel can help our program."

Bass is a case in point.

At Benson High in Omaha, the pint-sized running back broke some of Johnny Rodgers' city records. Inevitable was it that he be compared to the former Heisman Trophy winner. But not inevitable was it that he go to Nebraska.

Nebraska was reportedly lukewarm to the prep sensation right in its own backyard, reserving all out commitment because of his size.

Kansas, however, has no qualms about his ability to help the Jayhawk program if not as a running back right away, then certainly as a wide receiver or kick return specialist.

Bass, who usually plays baseball in the spring, switched to track instead this year in order to help his football career. Although coaches are loth to say a freshman can step right in and help, it's obvious Kansas will be disappointed if Bass sits on the bench.

Another scatback type who could also fit into the picture is Sorrell Harvey, a 5-9, 165-pounder from Sumner High in St. Louis. He, like Bass, possesses quicksilver in his feet.

On the other side of the coin, Kansas went for some sizable running backs, too—notably a pair of standouts from Houston.

Norris Banks, a 6-3, 210-pounder, proved his skills by spending a season at Coffeyville, Kansas, Junior College in 1974 where he gained more than 1,000 yards. He'll enter Kansas as a sophomore.

The other Houston product is Tim Willey, a 6-2, 195-pounder from Sharpstown High who was the leading rusher in the Houston area last fall.

Another running back of promise is Jim Radcliffe, a 6-1, 200-pounder from Clifton, New Jersey, who boasts 4.6 speed in the 40-yard dash and who was rated one of the top 100 gridders in New Jersey in '74.

In seeking out quarterbacks, Kansas sought the versatile type—the youngster who can run with the ball as well as throw it. They landed four.

"All of them," says Hettwer, "have run either the Veer-T or Wishbone in high school. In other words, they have some experience with the option."

Ron Becker of Campus High in Wichita, the only native Kansan in the quartet, is a 6-2, 180-pounder who many regard as a sleeper.

In the same category is Mike Ettel, a rangy 6-3, 200-pounder from Jeffersonville, Indiana, who was all-state as a junior, but missed nearly half his senior year with injuries.

The other two are Mark Lissak (6-0, 165) from Homewood, Illinois, and Mark Vicendese (6-1, 175) of Berkeley, New Jersey. Each received some kind of all-state honors.

Of the several sizable linemen joining the Jayhawk fold, Dennis Balagna and Kirk Tushaus stick out. Both were bonafide prep All-Americans last season.

Balagna is a 6-3, 250-pound terror from Winnetonka High in Kansas City, Missouri, while Tushaus, 6-3 and 230, had many a coach visiting him after a stickout season at Bishop Miege High in Kansas City, Kansas.

Also in the prime beef class are the aforementioned Gordon, a two-time all-stater from New Orleans, Louisiana, and Franklin King (6-2, 255) of Pocatello, Idaho. King, voted Idaho's top prep lineman in '74, may be Idaho's best export to Kansas since the potato.

The KU coaches also like their defensive end-linebacker recruits. There are six of them and they all boast size and credentials.

Jim Zidd, for instance, was an all-everything at John Marshall High in Cleveland, Ohio. James Jackson, a solid 6-4, 225-pounder, earned All-America recognition in Larinburg, North Carolina. And James Haywood averaged 15 tackles a game at Lincoln High in Houston.

If there is any area where Kansas would have liked to obtain more quantity, it would have to be wide receiver. Only signees listed there are Dick McAuliffe, the leading pass catcher in the Kansas juco ranks last season while at Dodge City, and Willis Adams, a whippet with 4.5 speed from Schulenburg, Texas.

"Basically we tried to cover all areas," said Hettwer, "but possibly we may get one or two more wide receivers."

A few years ago coaches were saying there was no way freshmen could play varsity football at the major college level.

But today the 30-scholarship limitation has made the use of freshmen, whether for depth or as starters, mandatory at many schools. Kansas is one of them. *For roster, see page 74.*

The Cyclones' Defensive Line has the Big Eight's "other" Brother Act.

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Iowa State has had in recent years.

And the Cyclones may never have had a defensive tackle the equal of 6-5, 265-pound Mike Stensrud, who moved into the starting lineup early in his freshman year last fall and drew constant raves from friend and foe alike.

He was voted Big Eight defensive newcomer of the year by United Press International. Bruce says simply, "He's a hell of a football player."

The defense will revolve around Mike and older brother Maynard, a 215-pounder who checked in last year after one season in junior college and seems to have found a home at nose guard in the 5-2 alignment.

Ron McFarland, a 247-pound junior, started several games as a freshman tackle two years ago but slipped into a reserve role in 1974. Now he's set to join the two Stensruds to form the heart of the defense.

Ray King is back to man one of the end spots again, and the secondary has experienced hands in Tony Hawkins and Jerry Jaksich at the corner backs and Sy Bassett at strong safety.

But three large holes were carved out of the defense when all-conference free safety Barry Hill, end Andre Roundtree and linebacker Storm departed.

"Hawkins has been impressive with his leadership, both on and off the field," said defensive boss Harper. "We're hoping he and Bassett can take up the slack left by Hill's loss."

Bill Larkin, a junior who backed up Hill last season, which meant he didn't play much, gets the starting nod now. Either Joe Palmisano, a senior squad man who was a pleasant surprise in the spring, or transfer Otis Rodgers will replace Roundtree.

But with almost no Big Eight playing time logged by any of the linebackers, the defensive unit will be suspect until proven otherwise.

WAYNE STANLEY (18) had a strong spring performance and heads into the fall as the Number 1 signal caller.

The Cyclones also suffered critical graduation losses in their kicking game—Tom Goedjen, the Big Eight's kick-scoring leader last season with 60 points, and Scott Bradley, whose 40-yard punting average ranked third in the conference.

Of the two, it appears Goedjen will be the more easily replaced, despite the fact that he left a number of records behind him, including a Big Eight mark for most field goals in a career (40) and the most points ever by an Iowa State player (199).

Left-footed Scott Kollman, a barefoot soccer-style kicker, was red-shirted last season to await the completion of Goedjen's career and figures to carry on without much noticeable change. Senior Doug Lenth is an accurate place-kicker.

But defensive back Rick Blabolil's punting in the spring game was a disappointment—only a 30-yard average on five kicks.

"I hope he does a lot of practicing over the summer," said Bruce. "That's how Bradley got so good, by working at it in the off-season, and we'll be in trouble if Blabolil doesn't come through. Right now he's the best we have."

In appraising the Cyclones against the opponents they must face, improving on their 4-7 record of the last two years will be a struggle, and anything better than that should be counted as a noteworthy achievement.

The schedule is not an attractive one to usher in a new stadium, with four of the first five games on the road, and the non-conference slate is a little more demanding than Iowa State has normally played.

The Cyclones open with a night game at UCLA, come home for the stadium dedication against Air Force on Sept. 20, then play two more night road games at Florida State and Utah. And everyone knows what the rest of the schedule is like—a seven-game mine field.

So the start of a new era may take some doing to get off the ground. But if it does, that may be precisely the reason why, because their salvation may rest with those three quarterbacks getting them off the ground.

MIKE WILLIAMS
(5-11, 188, Jr)
Cal Cummins
(6-1, 190, So)

Jim Wingender
(6-1, 204, Sr)
Mike Larsen
(6-3, 240, So)

WAYNE STANLEY
(6-0, 175, Sr)
Tom Mason
(5-11, 175, Sr)
Buddy Hardeman
(6-0, 181, So)

LUTHER BLUE
(6-0, 187, Jr)
Tim Smith
(5-10, 185, So)

DAVE GREENWOOD
(6-5, 235, Jr)
Glover Rogers
(6-4, 220, Jr)

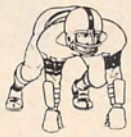
Gerry Petsch
(6-3, 225, Jr)
Karl Schueneman
(6-8, 254, Jr)

Rob Stoffel
(6-2, 218, Jr)
Joe Seymour
(6-3, 235, Jr)

JEFF JONES
(6-2, 224, Sr)
John Fritsch
(6-1, 204, Sr)

BOB BOS
(6-6, 255, Sr)
John Wodziak
(6-2, 227, Jr)

Pierre Gelinas
(6-7, 257, Sr)
RANDY YOUNG
(6-6, 249, Sr)



Forry Smith
(6-3, 195, Sr)
Albert Dixon
(6-5, 216, Jr)

RAY KING
(6-5, 216, Sr)
Lenzy Perine
(6-3, 213, Jr)

MIKE STENSRUD
(6-5, 265, So)
Scott Smith
(6-4, 243, Jr), Jr)

Maynard Stensrud
(6-2, 215, Jr)
Dan Hanover
(6-2, 222, So)

Ron McFarland
(6-2, 247, Jr)
Tom Randall
(6-6, 235, So)

Joe Palmisano
(5-11, 190, Sr)
Otis Rodgers
(6-4, 230, Jr)

Greg Pittman
(6-3, 218, Sr)
Mike Gnade
(6-3, 204, Sr)

Mark Settle
(6-3, 230, So)
Lagrant Anthony
(6-1, 192, Jr)

TONY HAWKINS
(6-0, 175, Jr)
John Valasa
(6-2, 184, Jr)

SY BASSETT
(6-0, 188, Sr)
Jimmy Randolph
(6-2, 180, So)

Billy Larkin
(6-0, 17, Jr)
Mark Williams
(6-3, 186, Jr)

Jerry Jaksich
(6-0, 190, Jr)
Rick Blabolil
(6-1, 185, So)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

What do you call a 6-6, 260-pounder with an 18½-inch neck?

WELL... YOU CALL HIM BOS(S) ...WITH A WIDE GRIN

By **RON MALY** *Des Moines Register*

KING BLOCK DOESN'T RECRUIT football players anymore. He spends his time selling boots and other cowboy gear in the western store he owns in downtown Ames.

But the former Iowa State assistant coach still pats himself on the back for the job he did on Bob Bos.

"It was the best bit of recruiting I ever did," Block said, "because I discovered Bos by accident when he was a high school junior. I went to his high school in Brookfield, Wisconsin, just to find out if there were any players worth recruiting.

"As I talked to the coach in his office, a big kid walked through. I said, 'Who's that?' and the coach said it was Bos, but that he was only a junior.

"Well, I introduced myself and, by the time Bob was a senior, he was all-everything. Every college in America seemed to be attacking him."

Block, who was on Johnny Majors' staff in those days, was, of course, on attack himself.

"Wisconsin wasn't winning then—and Wisconsin turned out to be Iowa State's big rival for Bos," King commented. "Besides, they were bombing buildings in Madison then.

"I sold Bos on the fact that Iowa State is a 'country' school—a place where you can shoot a pheasant a block from the campus. I think he liked the coaching staff here."

Block was right. Bos DID like the Cyclone staff Major had—and he is fond of the coaches at Iowa State now.

Earle Bruce is ready to start his third year in the Cyclone job, and Bob—who has grown into a 6-foot 6-inch, 260-pounder—has never had any regrets about passing up Wisconsin in favor of Iowa State, a place he'd never heard of until King came calling.

"After seeing Iowa State's football highlights film and noticing the player enthusiasm," Bos explained, "I knew this was the place for me.

"I started my first game as a sophomore, and I've been on the No. 1 unit most of the time since. Now I'm a senior, and it's my goal to go to a bowl game."

Bos (pronounced Boss) is an offensive guard who should be one of the best in the Big Eight this fall. Take it from Tom Backhus, a former offensive guard himself at Ohio State and the assistant coach directly in charge of Bos.

"The professional scouts say Bob is a damn, damn fine guard," said Backhus. "He'll wind up being a very high draft choice.

"Bob has a great temperament, has strength and is an excellent pass blocker."

Bob, of course, has been around long enough to hear all the things people say about offensive linemen.

He knows they are the no-names of football. They are anonymous. They do the work and others get the credit from the fans.

But he also knows that no offense goes unless those guards and tackles up-front do their jobs.

"It takes more discipline to play the offensive line," Bob admitted. "The guys who play defense can go at it with reckless abandon, but it's not quite the same with us.

"We get our credit, though. The coaches keep telling us that we must take a lot of punishment, but if we walk off the field knowing we did a good job, that's all that matters."

Bos was born of parents of German-Dutch heritage. He spent his early years in Big Eight country—Kansas City, Missouri—but then his father was transferred to Chicago.

Then it was on to Brookfield, which is a Milwaukee suburb. His parents now live in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

"My dad was an end for two years at Brown University," said Bob. "He stands 6-2½ and weighs 215."

Bob has gained 20 pounds over last year. Most of the extra weight went on his legs and upper body.

"I ate a lot more food," he said, "and worked on weights."

However, because of the extra poundage, Bos outgrew most of his

BOB BOS (67) would deny even the most determined defender a shot at Stanley.

clothing.

But there just happened to be a girl around who could solve that problem. Her maiden name was Lindsay Shepherd, and she became Bob's wife this summer.

"Lindsay is studying home economics," Bob explained, "and sews a lot of my clothes. She's made six or seven pairs of pants, some shirts and even a suit.

"But I've kept her guessing with my weight gain. I outgrew my shirts because my neck went from 17½ inches to 18½."

Lindsay is also from Brookfield, and spent one year at the University of Wisconsin before transferring to Iowa State.

"We began going together when we were seniors in high school," said Bob.

As a junior, Bos started every game for Iowa State. He recalls the Kansas game—which Iowa State won, 22-6—as his best of the season, but Backhus says Bob also was impressive against Missouri and Oklahoma.

"I feel I've made steady improvement since coming to Iowa State," Bos commented. "When I first arrived, I seemed to be staying too high with my blocks, and now I've gotten lower.

"The most important thing for a man like me is being able to move out of a stance without showing it. A lot of times the linebacker can read what you're doing."

The offensive line of which Bos is such an integral part is perhaps the most experienced part of the Cyclone team. Center Jeff Jones is back, and so is tackle Randy Young. Jack Thomas would have been back at guard, but was moved to linebacker.

"I honestly feel we'll be able to move the ball well on the ground this season," said Bos, "because of the people we have in the line and our strong backs."

Nothing would make Bos happier than to wind up his collegiate career with a bowl appearance.

"The year I was recruited," he said, "Iowa State played in the Sun Bowl, and in my freshman season the team went to the Liberty Bowl."

Since then there have been two straight 4-7 seasons, and the 1974 squad lost its last four games despite playing some strong defense.

"What we need on offense this season," said Bos, "is the big play. The other teams have been getting the explosiveness against us, but we've been missing it."

Bob is from a family of five children. There are two older brothers and two younger sisters.

"I'm the freak," he said with a laugh. "My oldest brother, who is 23, stands 6-1 and weighs 155. My other brother is 21, stands 5-10 and weighs 150. Neither is an athlete."

Bos has remained a friend of Block, even though King is no longer coaching football. Bob says he drops into King's western store every chance he gets, although "I'm too big to fit into any of the clothes he sells there."

Block will be watching Bos from the stands in Iowa State's new 50,000-seat stadium this fall.

"He's turned out to be everything he was supposed to be," King said proudly.

JEFF JONES

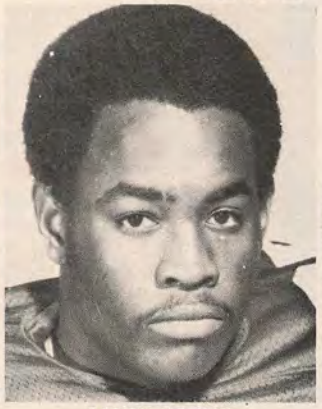
WAYNE STANLEY

LUTHER BLUE

BUDDY HARDEMAN

IOWA STATE ROSTER

ANTHONY HAWKINS



RANDY YOUNG

MIKE STENSRUD

BOB BOS

MIKE WILLIAMS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Anthony, Lagrant	LB	6-1	192	Jr	Tampa, FL
Barritt, Barry	R	-2	190	Jr	Council Bluffs, IA
Bassett, Sy	R	6-0	188	Sr	Cedar Rapids, IA
Benda, Mark	LB	6-0	190	Jr	Red Oak, IA
Blabolil, Rich	CB	6-1	185	So	Chesterfield, MO
Blue, Luther	SE	6-0	187	Jr	Valdosta, GA
Boehm, Mark	OG	6-2	225	So	Council Bluffs, IA
Bos, Bob	OG	6-6	255	Sr	Brookfield, WI
Brunson, Anthony	DE	6-6	220	So	Miami, FL
Cartier, Kevin	C	6-4	220	Sr	Wauwatosa, WI
Cheesebrough, Dave	MG	6-2	223	So	Bridgeville, PA
Chiaculas, Rich	OG	6-3	217	Sr	Franklin Park, IL
Clarey, Mark	LB	6-2	230	Jr	Cotati, CA
Cooper, Frank	FB	5-11	194	Jr	Riviera Beach, FL
Cummins, Cal	TB	6-1	190	So	Freeport, IL
Cunningham, Kevin	OT	6-6	233	So	Chicago, IL
Dixon, Al	TE	6-5	216	Jr	East St. Louis, IL
Engel, Denny	C	6-1	205	So	Cincinnati, OH
Fritsch, John	C	6-1	204	Sr	Detroit, MI
Gelinas, Pierre	OT	6-7	257	Sr	Quebec, Canada
Graham, Courtney	CB	6-0	180	So	Miami, FL
Gnade, Mike	LB	6-3	204	Sr	Hawthorne, NJ
Greenwood, Dave	TE	6-5	235	Jr	Cedar Rapids, IA
Greenwood, Don	TE	6-3	208	Sr	Cedar Rapids, IA
Grove, Greg	FL	6-0	181	Sr	Tipton, IA
Hanover, Dan	DT	6-2	222	So	Syracuse, NY
Hardeman, Buddy	QB	6-0	181	So	Auburn, NY
Hart, Kevin	S	6-1	195	So	Kansas City, MO
Hawkins, Tony	CB	6-0	175	Jr	Onondaga, NY
Hicks, Steve	SE	6-2	188	So	Chicago, IL
Isler, Klarence	FB	6-2	206	So	Albany, GA
Jaksich, Jerry	CB	6-0	190	Jr	Omaha, NE
Jones, Jeff	C	6-2	224	Sr	Indianola, IA
King, Ray	DE	6-5	216	Sr	Sac City, IA
Kollman, Scott	K	6-0	170	So	Cedar Falls, IA
Larkin, Bill	S	6-0	177	Jr	Camillus, NY
Larsen, Mike	FB	6-3	240	So	Harlan, IA
Lenth, Doug	K	6-2	177	Sr	Postville, IA
Leonard, Les	DE	6-3	206	Sr	Glenview, IL
Linn, Herb	LB	6-4	220	So	Valencia, PA
Luhr, Mark	CB	6-2	195	Fr	Syracuse, NY
Lyles, Wayne	R	6-0	185	So	Buffalo, NY
Mark, Rich	CB	6-0	182	So	Collinsville, IL
Mason, Tom	QB	5-11	175	Sr	Endwell, NY
McFarland, Ron	DT	6-2	247	Jr	Cincinnati, OH
Miller, Tom	TB	5-10	188	So	Dearborn, MI
Morton, Ed	TB	6-0	190	Sr	Westfield, NJ
Moses, Neal	TB	6-2	187	Jr	Waterloo, IA
Norman, Anthony	FB	6-5	215	So	Atlanta, GA
Palmisano, Joe	DE	5-11	190	Sr	Akron, OH
Perine, Lenzy	DE	6-3	213	Jr	San Diego, CA
Petsch, Gerry	OT	6-3	225	Jr	Detroit, MI
Pittman, Greg	LB	6-3	218	Sr	San Antonio, FL
Police, Bob	LB	5-11	191	Jr	South Bay, FL
Preston, Guy	TE	6-7	215	So	Ferguson, MO
Randall, Tom	DT	6-6	235	So	Mason City, IA
Randolph, Jimmy	R	6-2	180	So	Jacksonville, FL
Rodgers, Otis	DE	6-4	230	Jr	Tampa, FL
Rogers, Glover	TE	6-4	220	Jr	Opa-Locka, FL
Saban, Bill	QB	6-1	195	So	Chicago, IL
Sands, Clive	SE	5-11	161	Sr	Nassau, Bahamas
Schueneman, Karl	OT	6-8	254	Jr	Waukegan, IL
Settle, Mark	LB	6-3	230	So	Nevada, IA
Seymour, Joe	OG	6-3	235	Jr	Indianola, IA
Smith, Forry	SE	6-3	195	Sr	Waterloo, IA
Smith, Scott	DT	6-4	243	Jr	Cedar Rapids, IA
Smith, Tim	DB	5-10	185	So	Fremont, OH
Solomon, John	TB	6-0	185	So	Clyde, NY
Stanley, Wayne	QB	6-0	175	Sr	Belle Glade, FL
Stensrud, Maynard	MG	6-2	215	Jr	Lake Mills, IA
Stensrud, Mike	DT	6-5	265	So	Lake Mills, IA
Stoffel, Rob	OG	6-2	218	Jr	Dubuque, IA
Stracener, Ken	C	6-0	185	So	Clinton, IA
Sucharewicz, Tom	C	6-2	227	So	Lynn, MA
Thomas, Jack	LB	6-2	212	Sr	Council Bluffs, IA
Tryon, Mike	QB	6-2	185	So	Ames, IA
Valasa, John	S	6-2	184	Jr	Rosselle Park, NJ
Volkens, Craig	DE	6-3	205	Jr	Reinbeck, IA
Williams, Mark	S	6-3	186	Jr	Des Moines, IA
Williams, Mike	TB	5-11	188	Jr	Bowie, MD
Wilson, Steve	CB	5-11	177	Jr	Opa-Locka, FL
Wodziak, John	OT	6-2	227	Jr	Tinley Park, IL
Yurchak, Jeff	OG	6-3	235	So	Carnegie, PA
Young, Randy	OT	6-6	249	Sr	Miami, FL

"Freshman Harvest"

Cyclones land another 'Little Joe'

By BUCK TURNBULL
Des Moines Register

WHAT'S THIS? Another Joe Washington coming into the Big Eight?

Well, if such an assessment of Dexter Green is anywhere close to being accurate, then Iowa State has found itself quite a running back for the next four years.

"I would compare Green's ability to Washington's because he has similar speed and great acceleration," said John Wiley, Iowa State's recruiting coordinator and the man who corralled this Virginia product for the Cyclones.

"Dexter has everything you're looking for in a running back. He runs the 40 in 4.5 seconds, can cut on a dime, and although he's not big, he runs real tough inside."

Green is a 5-foot 10-inch, 180-pounder—the same size as Oklahoma superstar Washington, by the way—and his credentials from Garfield High School in Woodbridge, Virginia, make him sound like something out of Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy.

Iowa State's prize recruit was captain of his football team, captain of a championship basketball team, captain of the baseball team, man of the year in his high school, and what more can a young athlete do?

He was a football all-everything in the metropolitan area of Washington, D.C., rushing for 2,368 yards in his career and scoring 19 touchdowns as a senior.

The logical question, of course, is why some college closer to home didn't latch onto Jack Armst . . . er, Dexter Green.

"There's a story behind that," explained Wiley. "Virginia Tech signed Dexter to a southern letter after recruiting him for a long time. He signed real early with them and that got a lot of southern schools off him, since they honor the same letter.

"Over a period of time, however, Virginia Tech had a few assistant coaching changes and Dexter decided to do some more looking around.

"When that happened, we got into the picture. If it hadn't been for this set of circumstances, I'm not sure whether we'd have been able to land him."

There is another set of unusual circumstances connected with Iowa State's recruiting year that made it much more successful—particularly in the area of getting immediate help—than it would have been otherwise.

The University of Tampa decided to drop football for financial reasons last spring. One person very familiar with the Tampa situation was Iowa State Coach Earle Bruce, who spent a year there before taking over the Cyclones.

Bruce and one of his assistants from the Tampa days, Charlie Lyle, quickly went after two starters they'd helped recruit in the first place for Tampa—linebacker Greg Pittman and defensive end Otis Rodgers.

They got them both, plus promising rover back Jimmy Randolph, and all three are eligible for this season without sitting out a year because of transferring from a defunct program.

"Not only are they fine football prospects," said Bruce, "but they're playing the positions where we need replacements the most.

"We have lost Brad Storm at linebacker, Andre Roundtree at defensive end and Barry Hill in the secondary. Those were three big losses you don't ordinarily fill right away with experienced players."

The 218-pound Pittman, most highly touted of the three, is a senior and thus will have only one year with the Cyclones. Rodgers is a junior and Randolph a sophomore.

"Pro scouts rate Pittman as probably the top linebacking prospect in the country," said the ecstatic Lyle when he came home with the three southerners in tow.

"That may sound like an awfully strong recommendation, but I can assure you he's a player—very quick and aggressive.

"Greg runs the 40 in 4.7 and such speed makes him a better prospect than Storm was. Now we have to hope that he will be able to play as well as Storm did."

Mining the fertile Florida territory for top-notch athletes is getting to be old hat for Iowa State. Many Cyclone standouts of recent years—Mike Strachan, Big Daddy Hunt and Barry Hill, to name three—have come from that state.

Following in this long line is another running back, Ray Hardee, a two-year all-stater at Mulberry High School in central Florida. He was recognized by Prep Magazine as one of the top 100 high school players in the country.

Hardee's potential is apparent in his versatility. He ran for 825 yards, caught 26 passes for 600 yards, intercepted five passes and scored 116 points in his senior season.

Quarterback Stan Hixon is still another Florida prep star heading for Iowa State with an excellent background. He was an all-state wide receiver as a junior at Lakeland, then switched to quarterback and earned all-region honors last year with 1,190 yards in total offense.

The Cyclones also signed Iowa's No. 1 quarterback prospect, first-team all-stater Terry Rubley, who passed for almost 2,000 yards in his final two years at West Davenport. He piloted West to the State 4A championship last fall to climax a 12-0 season.

It's no accident that 15 of Iowa State's 26 signees are either running backs or linebackers.

"Those are the two areas where we needed help the most," said Wiley.

The top linebacking prospect—in addition to the veteran Pittman—appears to be Tom Boskey from Mendel High School in Chicago. He was an Illinois first-team all-stater and attracted the attention of almost every Big Ten school and two from the Big Eight before signing with the Cyclones.

Iowa State also came up with a brother act, Ralph and Greg Meckstroth from Cincinnati, Ohio. Ralph was a non-qualifier last year and spent a season at Virginia's Fork Union Military Academy. He's an offensive lineman, while his younger brother is highly regarded as a defensive back.

Bruce rates his recruits better than 1974, but naturally not as good as 1973 "when we signed 54 players. I wish we could go back to those days."

Concluded Wiley: "Every school has to be super, super selective now with the 30 limit. But as far as what we set out to get, we feel we did very well, and those Tampa players are frosting on the cake." *For complete roster, see page 74.*

This may be the Cats' Best Defense since 1970, a unit which led the league.

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Wade, behind him, is a good one, too. The split ends have been a pleasant surprise for Rainsberger.

The pleasant part, though, has been the defense. And the most pleasant part of the defense has been the move of Theopilis Bryant to nose guard. "Bryant has shown," Rainsberger said, "that he can be as good as anybody in the conference and anybody in the country."

Bryant (5-10, 228) was supposed to be an all-everything linebacker last year. To be honest, he couldn't get to the sidelines quickly enough. Straight ahead, one-on-one, he's murder. He's been lifting weights since he was nine and his upper-body strength, says coach Sandy Buda, is equivalent to a 250-pounder's.

Rainsberger's praise might seem overblown at first, but Rainsberger doesn't talk to fill time. And nose guard seems ideally suited for Bryant. But then, any position that gets him closer to contact is suited for him. He loves it. "Without football," said defensive coordinator Dick Selcer, "Theopilis is just a short fat man like me."

Another great thing about the move is that it insured getting Bryant, Carl Pennington and Gary Spani into the lineup at the same time. Pennington (6-1, 225) is the preseason All-Big Eight linebacker, yet by midseason, Spani figures to be as good or better. Spani (6-3, 215 with 4.7 speed) has the natural instinct, like Bryant. His first start came against Missouri last fall as a freshman, and he made 21 tackles and was named the Big Eight's defensive Player of the Week. He's shown since that it wasn't a fluke.

Still another positive by-product of the move was moving Roy Shine (6-2, 240) back to tackle, his natural position. Shine played nose guard last year as a sophomore and played well. Yet he is strictly a right-handed player and at tackle that won't hurt. The other tackle will be solid senior Rickey Gray (6-3, 245) and the depth in the line and linebackers is the best on the team.

Nor is the depth bad at end. They will rotate Vic Chandler, Perry Viers and Lou Wegerer. Chandler (6-1, 215, 4.75 in the 40) is an exceptional athlete, a big-play man like Bryant and Spani. Viers and Wegerer aren't bad athletes, either. "They're better athletes than any ends we ever had at Tennessee," said coach Jim Bates.

The secondary, suspect in recent seasons, looks like it will be solid. The corners—seniors Paul Smith (5-10, 168, 4.8) and Rocky Osborn (5-11, 188, 4.7)—started last year. Smith, in fact, started parts of each of the last three years. "They both have a good feel for the game," said Selcer. "They're not huge. They won't knock down the pulling guards, but they're tough."

The questionable area is at safety. Free safety Jim Lembright, a senior who passed up graduating to play this year, had some problems last season filling in. He played well during the spring, as did strong safeties Dennis Frazee and Marvin Switzer (the best athlete in the secondary at 6-0, 198 and 4.6 in the 40).

"They've all got average to above-average ability," said Selcer, "and they're all smart. You can play all right back there with that kind of talent if they have poise and they work well together. I think they will."

If so, K-State will have its best defense since the 1970 team, a unit that led the conference. The question, of course, is how much they'll have to play. The depth is good—thank goodness—but they can't play forever. If the offense can give them sufficient rest, they might keep K-State in a lot of games by themselves.

That, said Rainsberger, is the beginning of making the leap to the top. "Confidence—not just thinking you can win, but *knowing* it—is worth two or three games a year," he said. "And to get the confidence you have to come close first."

Close—a 5-6 or 6-5 season—is what's possible. And, since 6-5 is the best record at K-State in the last 20 years, Rainsberger would settle for that for starters.

PASS INTERFERENCE? Or has Regan Steiner (22) just unloaded a halfback pass against KU.

L.T. EDWARDS
(5-11, 183, Jr)
Kerwin Cox
(5-9, 176, So)

Regan Steiner
(6-1, 218, Sr)
Verdell Jones
(5-11, 203, Jr)

Joe Hatcher
(6-1, 191, So)
Arthur Bailey
(6-0, 177, So)

Mike Harris
(6-6, 225, Jr)
Kirk Darland
(6-0, 184, Jr)

TOM WINCHELL
(6-2, 215, Sr)
Dave Chambliss
(6-2, 216, Jr)

Chris Haag
(6-5, 260, Jr)
Mike Rasley
(6-5, 225, Sr)

Shelby Henderson
(6-1, 235, So)
Jim Rogers
(6-4, 240, So)

TIM WASEMILLER
(6-2, 247, Sr)
Mike Roberts
(6-2, 230, Sr)

FLOYD DORSEY
(6-4, 232, So)
Glenn Plotkin
(6-0, 235, So)

MARK ZIER
(6-5, 248, Sr)
Doug Moeckel
(6-4, 244, Jr)

Stan Ross
(6-2, 195, Jr)
Alonzo Wade
(5-11, 153, Sr)

Vic Chandler
(6-1, 215, Jr)
Perry Viers
(6-2, 206, Jr)

ROY SHINE
(6-2, 240, Jr)
Alton Carson
(6-1, 237, Sr)

Theopilis Bryant
(5-10, 228, Jr)
Charley Kilgore
(6-0, 218, Sr)

RICKEY GRAY
(6-3, 252, Sr)
Chris Malmgren
(6-3, 230, So)

LOU WEGERER
(6-1, 215, Sr)
Roger Stucky
(6-1, 218, Sr)

GARY SPANI
(6-3, 215, So)
Randy Lorenzen
(6-2, 214, So)

CARL PENNNGTON
(6-0, 225, Jr)
Denny Gragg
(6-1, 215, Sr)

Paul Smith
(5-10, 168, Sr)
Mike Brown
(5-11, 179, Jr)

Jim Lembright
(6-0, 181, Sr)
Gary Bogue
(5-11, 190, So)

Dennis Frazee
(6-2, 200, Jr)
Marvin Switzer
(6-0, 198, Jr)

ROCKY OSBORN
(5-11, 188, Sr)
John Andrews
(6-0, 182, Jr)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

WHEN VINCE GIBSON resigned late last November, his coaches quit recruiting. So when Ellis Rainsberger walked into his office at Kansas State that first morning, he already was a month behind. Maybe more. Here it was late December and he didn't have a staff yet.

There was no time for coffee, obviously. Not even lunch. Nor did Rainsberger take time to look at the reels of film of last year's team. Except, that is, for half of two games—one of them Nebraska.

The lights hadn't been out long before Rainsberger noticed that he kept watching the same player. This one linebacker made tackle after tackle. He wasn't getting blocked.

That player, it turned out, was Gary Spani. Spani was playing in just his fourth college game ever. He was a freshman. But Rainsberger knew right

In the pit or at a party K-State linebacker Gary Spani is a mite ornery. He's up to nothing destructive, you understand, just a good time—

PURPLE

then that he'd take Spani and go from there with his defense. You see, nobody seems to block Gary Spani.

It wasn't just Nebraska. In fact, Nebraska's offensive guards did a better job than most everyone else's. Two weeks earlier Spani had gone out and started his first college game against Missouri. It was at home. All of his hometown people were watching. Naturally, he was scared.

"We went to a movie the night before," he said, "and I don't think I saw any of it. I don't even know what the movie was. I just stared at the screen, I guess."

It should have been Missouri that was scared. Spani made almost every

PUFF OF SMOKE

By DAN LAUCK
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tackle the first quarter. Finally, Missouri went elsewhere and Spani (pronounced Spain-ee) finished with 21 tackles, including one which caused Tony Galbreath to fumble at K-State's two. Spani, in his first start and just his second game, became the Big Eight's defensive player of the week. It wasn't any fluke.

"I looked at the film of that game," said Dick Selcer, K-State's linebacker coach. "He played a helluva football game. If a kid can play that kind of game as a freshman, it's no accident. Maybe you could make one big catch or one long run and it'd be an accident. But you don't play a whole game at linebacker by accident."

So, when spring drills began, Theopilis Bryant was no longer a linebacker. He was moved to nose guard. Vince Gibson, you might recall, had described Bryant and Carl Pennington as the best two young linebackers he'd ever seen, even saying they might graduate as the best pair in the country.

Along comes Gary Spani and Bryant is moved. It may turn out to be one of the greatest successes since Aristotle Onassis bought his first tugboat. Bryant is up to 245 pounds, has been lifting weights since he was nine and seems ideally suited for nose guard. Pennington is, simply, a preseason All-Big Eight linebacker.

And Spani? Overall—for speed, quickness, size, strength, intelligence, instincts—Spani probably is the best defensive player on the team. As a sophomore. He's so good that Rainsberger had several volunteers to coach the linebackers. "He has to be one of the outstanding linebackers in the Big Eight right now," said Selcer.

Nothing happened to change anyone's mind once spring drills began. After the second scrimmage Rainsberger complained, "We're having a lot of trouble finding anybody who can block Spani. He's making tackles from sideline to sideline."

He was a source of frustration for K-State's offensive linemen all spring. Even for the best ones. He's entirely different than Pennington or Bryant.

"You have to be more careful with Spani," senior guard Mark Zier said. "Like when you come out after Theopilis, you can really come out hard. You know he's going to be there; it's a matter of who wins. But Spani isn't going to be there. He's like a puff of smoke.

"He reads you and gets around you so well. I don't know how he does it, but you look around and he's making the tackle."

Spani doesn't know how he does it, either. "Something gets me to the ball. Reading helps, but there are a lot of times when I don't know how it got there," he said. "I'm concentrating so hard, I just don't know what happens."

That, said Selcer, is instinct. "He can feel and analyze a play and make a decision while he's moving," Selcer said, "and he has great acceleration. He'll get between the blocker and ball carrier a lot."

It's his quickness and speed (4.7 in the 40) and his puff-of-smoke presence that befuddles offensive linemen. They'd love to get ahold of him just once because they could mangle him. He's not very big. He played last year at 193 pounds.

"I think I was lucky," he said. "I didn't really see the physical part of the game that much. They always talk about the people in the Big Eight being so big—like 6-6 and 280-pound linemen—and everybody kept telling me how small I was and so I felt small.

"But I didn't do that bad last year. I think I could play at 190 if I had to. I don't know, maybe they just haven't gotten a shot at me yet."

Maybe they never will. He was hardly an imposing figure for a football player last fall, just 6-3 and 193. And, even after he gained 25 pounds through the off-season, his mere presence wouldn't strike fear into Terry Webb's heart. He's not like Bryant, whose 21-inch stumps for arms can make your eyes bulge. Yet, Spani always is making the tackle.

His personality is much the same. He's quiet, sandy-haired, freckle-faced—rather Huckleberry Finnish—and a gentleman. That belies his personality a bit. Basically, he's ornery.

"Yeah, you could say that," he said, a twinkle in his eye. "In the classroom I was always quiet, but I think the football coaches (in high school) always knew what I was like."

That they did. And K-State's coaches began finding out when he organized a massive party on his floor of K-State's athletic dorm after the Kansas-Kansas State basketball game. He invited all of K-State's and KU's freshman players and dates. Nothing destructive, you understand, just a good time. He's been known to have a good time.

"No, I don't think Gary thinks the world begins and ends with football," said Selcer. "It's important, but there's more to his life."

There never has been any doubt about his football ability, though. He was all-everything at Manhattan High School as a linebacker. With three games left his senior year, his coach asked him to learn fullback. He did in three days and he averaged 133 yards a game the last three games and scored five touchdowns. Some old-timers around the Central Kansas League, perennially one of Kansas' best two leagues, say he's the best player in its history.

It wasn't surprising that he received a gawdawful number of scholarship offers. Finally, he narrowed his choices down to Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Kansas State.

K-State, probably because it took him for granted, didn't recruit him hard until the last couple of weeks. "I was pretty serious about KU," he said. KU's linebackers were seniors and K-State had Pennington and Bryant as just sophomores-to-be.

"The last week," he said, "the pressure was pretty heavy here, especially about KU. They were putting a lot of pressure on my parents—the people in town were."

Arkansas was so taken by him that it was still interested last December after Gibson resigned. Spani was given a phone number to call if he was interested in transferring at the semester.

Obviously, his impish grin and mild manners didn't belie his football ability with Arkansas. And, come September, the rest of the Big Eight—the ones who don't know him already—will find that out, too.

PAUL SMITH

GARY SPANI

THEOPILIS BRYANT

KANSAS STATE ROSTER

VIC CHANDLER

FLOYD DORSEY

CARL PENNINGTON

TIM WASEMILLER

ROY SHINE

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Andrews, John	RC	6-0	182	Jr	Macon, GA
Bailey, Arthur	QB	6-0	177	So	Montgomery, AL
Baker, Robert	C	6-0	203	Jr	Seminole, OK
Bogue, Gary	S	5-11	190	So	Wichita, KS
Brown, Mike	LC	5-11	179	Jr	Rancho Cordova, CA
Bryant, Theopilis	NG	5-10	228	Jr	Tifton, GA
Carson, Alton	DT	6-1	237	Sr	Eastman, GA
Chambliss, Dave	TE	6-2	216	Jr	Birmingham, AL
Chandler, Vic	DE	6-1	215	Jr	McPherson, KS
Cheves, David	K	6-1	200	Sr	Pawkuska, OK
Coffman, Paul	TE	6-3	204	So	Chase, KS
Cooper, David	SB	6-3	198	Jr	Strong City, KS
Couch, Jim	FB	6-2	228	Sr	Grand Rapids, MI
Cox, Kerwin	TB	5-9	176	So	Oklahoma City, OK
Crawford, Larry	QB	6-1	198	So	Pryor, OK
Cummings, Tim	RC	5-10	194	So	Willard, MO
Darland, Kirk	SB	6-0	184	Jr	Manhattan, KS
DeGarmo, Ken	LB	6-1	209	Jr	Upperco, MD
DeLaHunt, Tom	OT	6-3	230	Jr	Cypress, CA
Dorsey, Floyd	OG	6-4	232	So	Leawood, KS
Drumm, Robin	FB	5-11	168	So	Bushton, KS
Duncan, Jerome	LC	5-9	165	So	Carrolltown, AL
Duncan, Stewart	NG	5-11	246	Jr	Olivet, KS
Edwards, L. T.	TB	5-11	183	Jr	Miami, FL
Foster, Tom	LB	6-3	224	Jr	Washington, KS
Frazee, Dennis	SS	6-2	200	Jr	Summerfield, KS
Gragg, Denny	LB	6-1	215	Sr	Topeka, KS
Gray, Rickey	DT	6-3	252	Sr	Mobile, AL
Haag, Chris	OT	6-5	260	Jr	Danielsville, GA
Hafferty, John	OG	6-2	250	So	Pittston, PA
Hamsher, Mike	DE	6-1	204	So	Muscatine, IA
Harris, Mike	SB	6-6	225	Jr	Columbus, OH
Hatcher, Joe	QB	6-1	191	So	Denver, CO
Henderson, Shelby	OG	6-1	235	So	Chicago, IL
Hogan, Chuck	OG	6-4	225	Jr	Gainesville, FL
Jones, Oliver	NG	6-0	216	Sr	Manhattan, KS
Jones, Verdell	FB	5-11	203	Jr	East St. Louis, IL
Kerr, O'Neill	DE	6-0	200	So	New York, NY
Kilgore, Charley	NG	6-0	218	Sr	Shawnee Mission, KS
King, Manzy	SE	6-0	181	So	Montgomery, AL
Kozak, Mark	DT	6-3	205	Jr	Parma, OH
Kruse, Mike	NG	6-1	220	Jr	Oaklawn, IL
Lattany, John	TB	5-11	187	So	Waynesville, GA
Lembright, Jim	S	6-0	181	Sr	Dodge City, KS
Lige, Henry	LC	5-8	183	So	Montgomery, AL
Long, David	OT	6-4	250	So	Topeka, KS
Lorenzen, Randy	LB	6-2	214	So	Cedar Falls, IA
Loughead, Gary	SS	5-9	165	So	Kansas City, KS
Lousch, Joe	RC	6-0	184	So	Tulsa, OK

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Malmgren, Chris	DT	6-3	230	So	Tucson, AZ
Marlowe, Duston	QB	6-1	170	So	Eskridge, KS
Merrifield, Mike	S	5-9	185	So	Leawood, KS
Merrifield, Tom	QB	6-0	181	Jr	Leawood, KS
Mersch, Ron	C	6-4	202	Jr	Des Moines, IA
Metthews, Lorenzo	TB	5-9	150	So	Philadelphia, PA
Moeckel, Doug	OT	6-4	244	Jr	Hays, KS
Navarro, Ernie	OT	6-2	259	So	Los Angeles, CA
Osborn, Mike	DT	6-5	220	So	Leawood, KS
Osborn, Rocky	RC	5-11	188	Sr	Leawood, KS
Osmun, Don	QB	5-11	199	So	Crystal Lake, IL
Payton, Ronnie	LB	6-2	231	Sr	Macon, GA
Pennington, Carl	LB	6-0	225	Jr	Forsyth, GA
Plotkin, Glenn	OG	6-0	235	So	Overland Park, KS
Price, Tom	LB	6-1	228	So	Overland Park, KS
Pusa, Rick	S	6-1	197	So	Menomonee Falls, WI
Rasley, Mike	OT	6-5	225	So	Iowa City, IA
Rempe, Mike	OG	6-0	234	So	Elburn, IL
Reynolds, Dave	TB	5-9	172	So	El Dorado, KS
Reynolds, James	DE	6-1	205	So	Norman, OK
Ringer, Ron	DT	6-3	224	So	Wichita, KS
Roberts, Mike	C	6-2	230	Sr	Birmingham, AL
Rogers, Jim	OG	6-4	240	So	Griswold, IA
Ross, Stan	SE	6-2	195	Jr	Atchison, KS
Roy, Larry	TE	6-3	220	Sr	Wichita, KS
Schultz, Jim	SS	5-11	187	So	Overland Park, KS
Scobey, Roscoe	FB	5-10	198	Jr	Oklahoma City, OK
Shine, Roy	DT	6-2	240	Jr	Compton, CA
Smith, A. J.	DT	6-5	261	Sr	Roxie, MS
Smith, Paul	LC	5-10	168	Sr	Kansas City, MO
Spani, Gary	LB	6-3	215	So	Manhattan, KS
Steiner, Regan	RB	6-1	218	Sr	Godfrey, IL
Stucky, Roger	DE	6-1	218	Sr	Moundridge, KY
Studer, Bill	LC	5-11	187	Jr	Preston, KS
Stuewe, Scott	SB	6-1	181	Jr	Norton, KS
Switzer, Marvin	SS	6-0	198	Jr	Bogue, KS
Taylor, Mike	SE	6-0	180	Jr	Opa-Locka, FL
Trevitt, Carmen	OG	6-2	244	Jr	Forsyth, GA
Vercel, Robert	FB	5-9	185	So	Highland, IN
Vrnon, Duane	K	6-0	228	So	McLouth, KS
Viers, Perry	DE	6-2	206	Jr	Windom, KS
Wade, Alonzo	SE	5-11	153	Sr	Macon, GA
Wasemiller, Tim	C	6-2	247	Sr	Lehigh, KS
Wegerer, Lou	DE	6-1	215	Sr	Marion, KS
Whelan, Greg	FB	6-1	213	Jr	Medicine Lodge, KS
Whitfield, Carlos	TB	6-0	175	Jr	Gabbettville, GA
Winchell, Tom	TE	6-2	215	Sr	Treynor, IA
Zier, Mark	OT	6-5	248	Sr	Lincoln, KS

"Freshman Harvest"

Blue Chip Backs will bolster varsity's anemic arsenal

By DAVE WRIGHT *Manhattan Mercury*

A NEW COACHING STAFF has plenty of headaches its first year, but one of the biggest has to be recruiting.

The outgoing coach usually doesn't resign until after the season. Then there is a period of several weeks before a new coach is selected and it takes him a couple more weeks to get his staff lined out.

By that time, the other schools have a whopping head-start in the annual chase for the top high school prospects in the country.

Kansas State didn't select Ellis Rainsberger as its new head coach until the week before Christmas, and it was early January before Rainsberger could get at least a partial staff together and hit the recruiting trail.

That left only three weekends to bring players in for visits to the K-State campus before Big Eight Letter-of-Intent signing date, February 4.

"We had trouble arranging visits, because most of the players were already booked up," Rainsberger said.

The fact that arch-rival Kansas was also working with a new staff helped some on in-state players, but it was also a situation capitalized on by schools from neighboring states.

K-State and KU lost eight Kansas players to other schools. That's a big number when you consider sparsely-populated Kansas isn't exactly known as a football gold mine.

"In a normal year, we just wouldn't lose that many out of state," Rainsberger said.

"But under the circumstances—the late start, the new staff, the early signing date—we had an average-to-good year. But we'll have to do much better if we're going to be able to compete in the Big Eight."

Rainsberger said his staff didn't point to any specific areas or positions in the recruiting.

"We just went after the best athletes available at each position," he said.

But it's apparent that size may have been an overriding factor. Of the 27 Wildcat signings, eight weigh in at over 230 pounds.

"We were fortunate we got a lot of big body-type players," Rainsberger said. "And that's what we needed most—where we were lacking in depth with the players we had coming back."

But the Wildcats didn't go for all bulk and muscle. There is some quickness headed by fleet running back Mike Woodfin from Highland Park High School in Topeka, Kansas.

Woodfin, a 5-11, 175-pounder, was the State indoor 60-yard dash champion last March in 6.3 and has a 9.6 clocking outdoors in the 100. The consensus All-Stater gained 938 yards his senior year, including one 325-yard output.

"There can be two or three players who can be the difference between an average football team and an outstanding football team," Rainsberger said. "Mike is that kind of player. He's a game-buster. He reminds me of Ohio State's Archie Griffin and Wisconsin's Billy Marek. He has the tools to be as good as anybody."

The Wildcats' other flash is Greg Searcy, a 6-1, 185-pounder who will probably play slotback in Rainsberger's Slot I offense.

Searcy, who gained 832 yards and scored 15 touchdowns last season at Wyoming, Ohio, High School on the outskirts of Cincinnati, was All-State and Southwest Ohio Player of the Year. He is the state triple-jump champ and can do the 40 in 4.5.

"Greg has tremendous hands," Rainsberger says. "He's an exciting type of broken field runner."

To complement those two scooters, the Wildcats signed Frank Greene, a 6-1, 230-pound fullback from Camden, New Jersey, who, despite his size, can do 9.9 in the 100 and 4.7 in the 40.

To round out that backfield there is Brad Horchem, a 6-1,185-pound high school All-American quarterback.

In three seasons at Ness City, Kansas, High School, Horchem completed 147 of 286 passes for 2,961 yards and 36 touchdowns and ran for 1,291 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Horchem, who was second in his graduating class academically, turned down an appointment to the Air Force Academy to sign with the Wildcats.

Calvin Cook, Jim Davidson and Ron Houchin are the three top linemen signed by K-State, according to Rainsberger.

Cook, a 6-3, 220-pounder, was a high school teammate of Greene at Camden and was named All-Delaware Valley, which encompasses Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey.

His nickname is "Mad Dog" and Rainsberger says he's "very aggressive and really enjoys playing football."

Davidson, a 6-4, 225-pounder from Racine, Wisconsin, is one of five players Rainsberger and defensive coordinator Dick Selcer—both members of coach John Jardine's staff at Wisconsin last year—pulled out of the Badger State.

Houchin is a 6-4, 230-pound defensive specialist from Wichita, Kansas, Southeast High School who was only 16 years old when he was a consensus All-State pick last season.

"Rob reads and reacts as well as anyone we've seen," Rainsberger said.

Rainsberger doesn't want to go out on any limbs about which of his budding stars may see action this season as freshmen.

"My philosophy is one of not counting on freshmen to play," he said. "That was our philosophy at Wisconsin, and that's the way it will be here. I'm not saying that freshmen can't play.

"We just go at it from the angle of not expecting them to play. If they do, then it's a heckuva bonus. But, realistically, much of our depth is going to have to come from freshmen."

Maybe it wasn't a super recruiting year at K-State, but the Cats will have to take what they got and go with it.

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Offensive Ball Control Should Offset Defensive Inexperience

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That means the Tiger line will be measurably smaller than the 1974 five that was found wanting.

Cooper (6-1, 230, Litchfield, Illinois), had a brilliant game at nose against Nebraska before being injured. He didn't recover completely the remainder of the season and this spring was switched to tackle. He's behind Morrissey.

Randy Frisch (6-4, 240, St. Louis) is a junior who has been bouncing between nose and tackle since he was a freshman. Quick and aggressive, he could beat out Cole in fall drills.

Curtis Kirkland (6-5, 235, Gary, Indiana) is another transfer from Indian Hills Community College and had a first string shot in the spring but was hurt before he could learn MU's defensive patterns. And there is Danny Smith (6-4, 250, St. Louis), a junior converted from noseguard. So Kadlec has five tackles.

The one coach in Missouri's departmentalized system who seems to be up to his neck in talent is Vince Tobin, ringmaster of Mizzou's linebackers and defensive ends. Certainly, he has numbers.

KEN DOWNING (19) and company shut off Oklahoma.

Co-captain McRoberts (6-1, 210, St. Louis) is a senior who has been a class performer at end since he took over as a sophomore. He missed spring drills for successful knee surgery but he is a known quantity.

Henningsen and Tom Garavaglia (6-0, 205, St. Louis) are both aggressive and Dale Smith (6-2, 210, Columbia, Missouri) lettered last year. John Austin (6-2, 200, Joplin, Missouri) was a hard-hitting linebacker switched to end and there is David Legg, Missouri's 1973 prep high hurdle champ who distinguished himself as a freshman on the specialty teams.

As linebackers, Tobin's top two are Tom Hodge (6-2, 214, East Gary, Indiana), and Bill Culp (6-3, 210, Wood River, Illinois). Both juniors, they are quick, tough and disciplined, but they aren't far ahead of Mark Kirkpatrick (6-2, 214, Wood River), Tim Helm (6-2, 215, Decatur, Illinois) and Pete Allard (6-3, 235, Chicago).

"We've got depth and I think it's quality depth," said Tobin. "We plan to play two sets of linebackers and two sets of ends. Last year, we sort of got locked in to using Scott Pickens and Lynn Evans (graduated linebackers) all the time and I think it hurt us and hurt them. This time, I think we can keep fresh people in there.

"I know it is unusual for a Missouri defense to almost be wiped out by graduation, but I keep remembering 1971. We had a veteran defense that year and couldn't win (1-10). But in 1972 we converted to a 5-4 with green people, but we had a good year. I really think that is going to happen this time."

Clay Cooper, assistant head coach, is primarily charged with Mizzou's deep backs. He sees the slight shift in procedure this way: "Before, we were a monster defense with occasional four-deep coverage. Now, we will be a four-deep team with occasional monster coverage."

The 1974 problem: "Against certain offenses our monster would be forced out on the corner and get taken deep by some great receiver. The type of player who makes a good monster usually can't handle that deep coverage," he explained.

Cooper has four experienced deep backs. Senior Ken Downing (5-11, 180, Aurora, Missouri) and junior Rob Fitzgerald (6-0, 180, Springfield, Missouri) will flipflop at the corners, the tough-tackling Downing taking the "run" side and Fitzgerald the split side.

"Rob has great foot-eye coordination, can leap under control off a dead run, which many fine athletes can't do, and has a great ball sense," said Cooper.

He has three safeties of almost equal skill, juniors Bruce Carter (6-4, 200, St. Louis) and Mike Newman (5-11, 170, Columbia, Missouri) and sophomore Jim Leavitt (6-2, 185, St. Petersburg, Florida) who wound up as the starting safety last year as a freshman.

Lettermen Brad Brown, Brad Bushell and Chuck Banta give Cooper depth.

Missouri's kicking game is four-fifths good. Jim Goble (77 punts, 39.3-yard average) returns and Downing is a gutsy, sure-handed return artist who can find the cracks.

Tim Gibbons, St. Louis junior, is reasonably accurate with his soccer-style field goal attempts inside the 40. Stewart tops a posse of Mizzou backs with talent to return kickoffs, which brings up that other fifth of the Tiger kicking game that isn't so sound.

If the Tigers played Alabama tomorrow, they couldn't afford to lose the toss because if they did, the game might never begin. By the end of spring practice, Onofrio still hadn't found anyone who could kick off.

"But we have a stable of students trying out," said the coach. "I'm sure we'll find someone who can kick it deeper than the 20-yard-line. Maybe an incoming freshman?"

While Missouri seems to have a lot of people who have never played before at key positions, it is obviously by choice. Twenty of 22 players ranked as second-teamers at the end of last season return.

And if the Tigers are highly questionable on defense, they do seem to have the potential to move the ball better.

"I think that's the key," said Onofrio. "We have to keep the ball our share of the time. We have to make our share of those third-and-long situations. And we have to execute."

TONY GALBREATH
(6-1, 225, Sr)
Jornel Williams
(5-11, 190, Jr)

John Blakeman
(6-1, 218, Sr)
Annise Davis
(5-10, 203, Jr)

STEVE PISARKIEWICZ
(6-3, 205, Jr)
Pete Woods
(6-4, 205, So)
Monte Montgomery
(6-3, 180, So)

Joe Stewart
(5-11, 175, So)
Rich Lain
(6-2, 185, Jr)
Steve Mally
(6-0, 190, So)

Randy Gossart
(6-0, 180, Sr)
Henry Marshall
(6-5, 205, Sr)
Lamont Downer
(6-3, 180, So)

Charlie Douglas
(6-3, 226, Sr)
Oliver Burbridge
(6-4, 220, So)

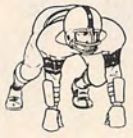
Morris Towns
(6-4, 255, Jr)
Bob Carr
(6-4, 232, Sr)

Tom Kowalczyk
(6-3, 236, Jr)
Bruce Whitmer
(6-3, 232, Jr)

MIKE OWENS
(6-4, 235, Sr)
Larry McDevitt
(6-1, 230, Jr)

Joel Yearian
(6-3, 233, Jr)
Dan Doyle
(6-2, 225, Jr)

Jim Taylor
(6-5, 250, So)
D.W. Johnstone
(6-4, 240, Sr)



Blaine Henningsen
(6-3, 210, Jr)
Dale Smith
(6-2, 210, Jr)

Keith Morrissey
(6-4, 226, So)
Tom Cooper
(6-1, 230, Sr)

Steve Meyer
(6-3, 225, Sr)
Doug Bentlage
(6-3, 235, Jr)
Bill Anderson
(6-0, 230, So)

Randy Frisch
(6-4, 240, Jr)
Don Cole
(6-3, 225, So)

BOB McROBERTS
(6-1, 210, Sr)
Tom Garavaglia
(6-0, 205, Sr)

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(6-2, 214, Jr)
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(6-2, 215, Jr)

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Pete Allard
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Chuck Banta
(6-0, 180, Jr)

Bruce Carter
(6-4, 200, Jr)
Mike Newman
(5-11, 170, Jr)

JIM LEAVITT
(6-2, 185, So)
Larry Davis
(5-11, 178, So)

KEN DOWNING
(5-11, 180, Sr)
Mike Newman;
(5-11, 170, Jr)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

TONY GALLOP

"Okay, Tony, let's get this mother into the end

AT ABOUT 4:15 P.M. Wednesday, October 9 of last year, Tony Galbreath lost two yards on the University of Missouri practice field without even handling the football.

Since that time the man they call Tony Gallop has done nothing but move forward and if he can continue that pace, he is a cinch to become Mizzou's first unanimous All-America running back since Bob Steuber (1942) and he could become the first Tiger ever to win the Heisman Trophy.

Tell that to the 237-pound bundle of diffidence from Fulton, Missouri, though, and you may not even get a grunt in response. Or he might say, "A dream is a dream and reality is reality."

It's like when you ask him if he hopes for a rewarding career in pro football.

"I don't even think about it," was his response to that one. "I'm not even sure yet what I'm doing here. If it happens, it happens." And he said at another time, "Well, I did have one dream. It was about a spider. He ate me up."

But back to that gloomy Wednesday at practice when Missouri, fresh from a 59-20 humiliation at the hands of Wisconsin, faced the grim probability that things would be even worse the following Saturday on a visit to Nebraska. And Galbreath, brooding about lack of success, had given thought to quitting the team. He was then a second-string fullback.

But let Charley Cowdrey, MU's backfield coach, tell it:

"As unreal as it may seem, Tony had begun to doubt himself. He'd visit me on occasion and say he didn't think he was going to make it. But you could see his God-given talent. I just kept telling him to take his time and have patience.

"We'd gotten banged up at tailback so that Wednesday, I said, 'Tony, how would you like to line up a couple of yards deeper?' He looked at me, kind of puzzled, and said, 'What do you mean?' I said, 'Two yards deeper, right behind Ray Bybee (the starting fullback).' He said, 'Okay, coach. That sounds O-O-O-kay.' "

So Tony lost that two yards of real estate willingly.

"Tony is very coachable," continued Cowdrey. "We had him run about a third of the plays that day at tailback and probably half the plays Thursday. On Saturday, he played half the game at tailback against Nebraska and didn't make a mistake." Cowdrey is given to understatement.

Actually, Tony didn't play quite a half but it was the last 10 minutes that turned Missouri's season around and turned Tony Galbreath into Tony Gallop.

The Tigers were trailing the Cornhuskers 10-0 at that point and it seemed only a token move when coach Al Onofrio sent second-team quarterback Steve (Zark) Pisarkiewicz to join second-team sidekick Galbreath. The two had fantasized about such a moment.

"Okay, Tony Gallop, let's get this mother into the end zone," growled Zark. They did, three times, to pull out a 21-10 victory. Galbreath, handling his 237 pounds freight-train style, ran over the Huskers for 71 yards in that time frame, scoring one of the TD's and helping set up the other two.

Although he started only the last six games, Tony Gallop amassed 870 yards for the season to join Oklahoma's Joe Washington and Kansas's Laverne Smith in the All-Big Eight backfield. Only the powerful Sooners held him to less than 100 yards.

He scored eight touchdowns and passed for three others, completing all five of the halfback passes he

attempted. In addition, he turned out to be a glue-fingered receiver, often spearing the ball with one ham-sized hand as he sprinted on flare patterns.

"He is a legitimate All-America candidate," said the usually reticent coach Onofrio. It was so out of character for Onofrio he was asked if he had ever issued such an unqualified endorsement of one of his players prior to a season.

Onofrio ran a hand through sparse locks trying to remember.

Clay Cooper, assistant head coach whose defenses had to cope with Tony Gallop for the 20 April days of spring practice was almost in shock when it was over.

"It kind of fires a coach's imagination," said Cooper. "The things he can do boggle the mind. He's really just learning to be a tailback yet he can throw the ball, catch it and run with great authority. When anybody his size can do all those things, you just wonder how great he can be. It's hard for a coach to keep from talking about it but you don't want to jinx him."

Cowdrey explained how it came about.

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"The I-formation and the depth at which he lines up (seven yards) made Tony a good football player," he said. "As a fullback here and at junior college (Indian Hills in Centerville, Iowa, where Galbreath was a juco All-America), he lined up 4½ yards back. But Tony needed those extra two yards to get the ball, tuck it away and pick up speed.

"Tony is just getting underway when he reaches the line of scrimmage. Once he does that, he has good acceleration and moves.

"The main thing is to get him turned upfield. Then's when he's at his best. Maybe we'll block one and he'll miss another. If the next guy hits Tony, well, he isn't going to bring him down right away. It might not have looked like a great run, but when they spot the ball, he's made seven or eight yards."

"As a fullback, Tony was into traffic before he was ready for it. He made some yards, sure, but it was because of his great strength."

At Centerville, Galbreath gained 1208 yards in nine games. Running mostly counters and power plays as a fullback in the split-back veer, he averaged a whopping 17 yards a carry in 1973.

"But that was junior college, not the Big Eight," said Tony Gallop. "I had all those moves but coach Cowdrey taught me to take the ball upfield and I thank him for it. That's the way to make yardage and the way to score."

Cowdrey pointed out that Tony has 4.6-second speed at 40 yards, good for a big man.

"But that doesn't mean he's a Joe Washington. He's got to turn it upfield. If they can string him out in a footrace for the boundary, he won't win many of 'em," said the coach. Galbreath agreed.

Galbreath was one of 11 children born to Jim and Henrietta Galbreath, the fifth of six sons.

Jim works for the same Fulton bank his father served and has managed to send five of his children through college. Was Jim an athlete?

"He never knew," said Henrietta. "He's just a guy who's worked hard all his life trying to raise all these children. I think we've had good luck with them."

Galbreath toyed with the idea of turning down Missouri, Southern Cal and other major football powers in favor of Drake or Cincinnati U., "because I didn't think I could handle the books." Henrietta settled that. She told him he could go wherever he wished as long as he showed up for choir (she's the director) at Fulton's St.James Methodist Church every Sunday morning.

As Fulton is only 25 miles from Mizzou's campus at Columbia, Missouri, the message was pretty clear. So far, Tony hasn't missed.

Galbreath came in from Centerville certain he could displace Bybee, a 212-pound senior fullback almost as taciturn as Tony.

He couldn't.

"After I saw Bybee in a game, I was ashamed of myself," said Galbreath. "I saw him get off the ball, bust through the line and stay about a foot off the ground all the way. I didn't see how I could beat him out."

This could have accounted for that period of uncertainty when Tony had his chats with Cowdrey.

Missouri's 1974 seniors nominated Tony and the squad elected him offensive co-captain for the upcoming season. It made Galbreath squirm.

"There were a lot of good people who should have been chosen," he protested. "I don't know why they picked me. I guess because I respected them, they respected me.

"Maybe it was because I see the ball so much. Maybe they thought if we need a couple of yards, I have to get 'em and that I'd feel the responsibility more if I am the co-captain."

His coaches have noted that Tony needs to be turned on at some point before his running takes on the tackle-breaking ferocity that caused Colorado's Bill Mallory to remark, "He just ran under us, over us and around us (for 146 yards)."

"It's no one play that does it," said Galbreath. "It's the guys on the team that turn me on. I see in their eyes how much they want to win. I never did know the feeling before. Like in the Nebraska game. I didn't know that people like Nebraska existed except on television. Then to find yourself with a chance to beat somebody like that . . . !

"There is another thing. Right after a game begins—maybe after two or four plays—I suddenly feel tired. But there is definitely a rhythm to it for me. Pretty soon, I'll get it going. Then I don't know how many times I get the ball. Coach Onofrio wants to get it to me 30 times a game? Well, I could carry it 40 or 50 times but when the game's over, I couldn't tell you if I carried it 10 times. Second effort? I hope I can make a third."

Coach Cooper thinks there may be another reason for the sudden dramatic upturns in Galbreath's performances as games wear along.

"Tony hasn't fully developed his confidence," said the veteran coach. "His humility is attractive and sincere. I'm not sure that he realizes he plays the game extremely well. I'm not sure he knows he can do these things every play, every game. But experience and success will teach him that."

Not since quarterback John Huarte surfaced at Notre Dame (1964) has a collegian won the Heisman Trophy with one season's performance.

Galbreath has a chance, however. Missouri's back-breaking schedule—Alabama, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan prior to the Big Eight menu featuring national champion Oklahoma—provides the showcase.

Tony Gallop will have early exposure, too. The Alabama game at Birmingham is September 8 on ABC's Monday night television spectacular. It's all up to Galbreath. If Tony Gallop gallops as he did in the last 6½ games of the 1974 season, not Alabama, Michigan, Oklahoma nor the Heisman Trophy selectors can turn him down. 8

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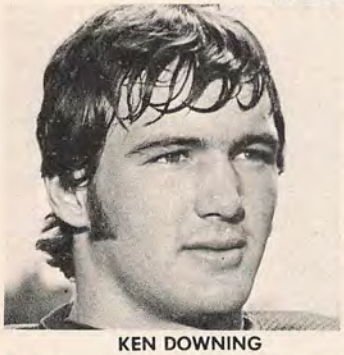

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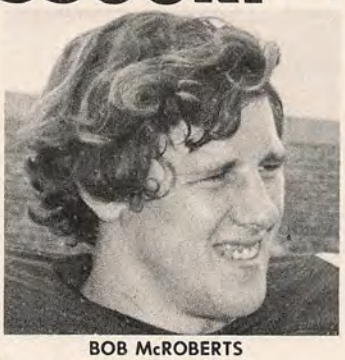

BOB McROBERTS

MIKE OWENS

ROB FITZGERALD

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Alexander, Rick	LB	5-11	190	Fr	Marshall, MO
Allard, Pete	LB	6-3	235	So	Chicago, IL
Anderson, Bill	NG	6-0	228	So	University City, MO
Ausburn, Kevin	OG	6-1	190	Fr	Springfield, MO
Austin, John	LB	6-2	195	Sr	Joplin, MO
Banta, Chuck	CB	6-0	180	Jr	Springfield, MO
Bennett, Paul	CB	5-10	185	So	Scarborough, Ont., Can.
Bentlage, Doug	DT	6-3	235	Jr	Union, MO
Billings, Ward	LB	5-10	190	So	Kennett, MO
Blake, Pete	SE	6-0	185	So	Bridgeton, MO
Blakeman, John	FB	6-1	215	Sr	Latham, IL
Boehm, Gregg	DE	6-0	195	So	St. Louis, MO
Bohannon, Steve	SE	6-0	170	Jr	Thomasville, NC
Bohner, Earnie	NG	5-11	215	Jr	Springfield, MO
Brickey, Steve	DB	5-11	190	Jr	Affton, MO
Brown, Brad	CB	6-1	179	Sr	Mt. Vernon, MO
Brown, Curtis	TB	5-10	190	Jr	St. Charles, MO
Burbridge, Oliver	TE	6-4	220	So	St. Louis, MO
Bushell, Brad	S	6-0	185	Sr	Lincoln, IL
Carr, Bob	OT	6-4	239	Sr	Kansas City, MO
Carter, Bruce	S	6-4	187	Jr	Richmond Heights, MO
Cole, Don	DT	6-4	215	So	Springfield, MO
Cooper, Tom	DT	6-1	230	Sr	Litchfield, IL
Culp, Bill	DE	6-3	210	Jr	Wood River, IL
Davis, Annise	FB	5-10	199	Jr	Malden, MO
Davis, Larry	S	5-11	178	So	East Peoria, IL
Demien, Dave	OT	6-4	229	Sr	Wentzville, MO
Disselhoff, Dennis	C	6-6	230	So	North Kansas City, MO
Douglass, Charley	TE	6-3	220	Sr	Mountain Grove, MO
Downer, Lamont	SE	6-3	180	So	University City, MO
Downing, Kenny	CB	5-11	180	Sr	Aurora, MO
Dovie, Dan	OG	6-2	225	Jr	Decatur, IL
Engman, Marty	C	5-11	190	Jr	Liberty, MO
Fagan, Mike	LB	6-1	205	Sr	Kansas City, KS
Fitzgerald, Rob	CB	6-0	178	Jr	Springfield, MO
Frank, Les	TE	6-3	213	Sr	Spring Valley, CA
Frisch, Randy	DT	6-4	240	Jr	Kirkwood, MO
Gaddy, Donnie	K	5-9	165	So	Marshall, MO
Galbreath, Tony	FB	6-1	225	Sr	Fulton, MO
Garavaglia, Tom	DE	6-0	205	Sr	St. Louis, MO
Ghrist, Ron	LB	6-2	210	So	Pittsfield, IL
Gibbons, Tim	K	5-11	184	Jr	St. Louis, MO
Goble, Jim	P	6-2	195	Sr	Pittsburg, KS
Gokin, Bill	SB	6-0	185	So	St. Louis, MO
Gourley John	OG	6-3	225	So	St. Louis, MO
Grossart, Randy	SE	6-0	180	Sr	Chico, CA
Helm, Tim	LB	6-2	215	Jr	Decatur, IL
Henningsen, Blaine	DE	6-2	210	Jr	Richmond, MO
Hertzog, Bob	C	6-0	218	So	Lee's Summit, MO
Hodge, Tom	LB	6-2	214	Jr	East Gary, IN
Hulett, Brad	DB	5-11	175	Jr	Columbia, MO
Johnston, D.W.	OT	6-4	236	Sr	El Cajon, CA
Kells, Ken	OG	6-1	228	Jr	St. Louis, MO
Kirkland, Curtis	DT	6-5	230	Jr	Gary, IN
Kirkpatrick, Mark	LB	6-2	214	Jr	Wood River, IL
Kowalczyk, Tom	OG	6-3	230	Jr	St. Louis, MO

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Lain, Rich	SE	6-2	185	Jr	Morton Grove, IL
Leavitt, Jim	S	6-2	185	So	St. Petersburg, FL
Leibson, Dean	TB	6-1	185	So	Corning, NY
Legg, David	DE	6-1	190	So	North Kansas City, MO
Litzenfelner, Mike	DB	6-0	170	So	Jackson, MO
Long, Paul	CB	6-0	184	So	Montreal, MO
Loving, Kevin	K	6-0	180	Jr	Nevada, MO
Mally, Steve	SB	6-0	190	So	Chicago, IL
Manuel, Jack	RB	5-10	175	Fr	Sacramento, CA
Marshall, Henry	SE	6-3	205	Sr	Salina, KS
Marx, Bill	TB	6-0	184	Sr	Dallas, TX
McBride, Percy	TE	6-3	215	Sr	Fulton, MO
McBride, Tom	FB	6-2	220	So	Springfield, IL
McDevitt, Larry	C	6-1	230	Jr	St. Louis, MO
McDonald, John	TE	6-3	210	So	Glendale, MO
McRoberts, Bob	DE	6-1	208	Sr	Ladue, MO
Meyer, Steve	NG	6-3	217	Sr	El Cajon, CA
Miget, Chris	DB	5-10	170	So	Florissant, MO
Montgomery, Monte	QB	6-3	180	So	Fayetteville, AR
Morrissey, Keith	DT	6-4	215	So	Gallatin, MO
Mullen, Bill	OT	6-3	220	So	Grandview, MO
Newman, Mike	CB	5-11	165	Jr	Columbia, MO
Newman, Terry	SB-DB	5-11	170	So	Columbia, MO
Owens, Don	OT	6-4	235	Sr	Jackson, MS
Owens, Mike	C	6-4	234	Sr	Jackson, MS
Owens, Michael Dee	TE	6-5	205	So	Stotts City, MO
Parrott, Jim	DT	6-3	216	Sr	Springfield, MO
Phillips, Mark	S	5-11	180	Jr	Peoria, IL
Pisarkiewicz, Steve	QB	6-3	203	Jr	Ferguson, MO
Putnam, Mark	FB	6-0	201	Jr	Chillicothe, MO
Seabaugh, Bill	SE	6-2	180	So	Cape Girardeau, MO
Schermann, Paul	SB	6-0	180	So	Cape Girardeau, MO
Seymour, Doug	DT	6-3	230	Jr	Toronto, Ont., Can.
Shockley, Joe	DT	6-2	208	So	St. Louis, MO
Shortal, Paul	SE	5-11	170	So	St. Louis, MO
Smith, Dale	DE	6-2	215	Jr	Columbia, MO
Smith, Danny	DT	6-4	250	Jr	St. Louis, MO
Stewart, Joe	SB	5-11	175	So	Evanston, IL
Suda, Ron	DE	6-4	230	So	St. Louis, MO
Taylor, James	OT	6-5	250	So	Peoria, IL
Towns, Morris	OT	6-4	255	Jr	St. Louis, MO
Twellman, Gene	DE	6-2	205	So	Bowling Green, MO
Walker, Danny	TB	5-10	189	So	Bellevue, NE
Wallington, Dave	OG	6-2	218	So	St. Louis, MO
Watson, Packy	FB	6-0	199	Jr	Peoria, IL
Wefelmeyer, Mike	C	5-11	208	Sr	St. Louis, MO
Wepler, Randy	C	6-5	235	So	Liberty, MO
Whitaker, Dan	QB	5-11	185	Jr	Peoria, IL
Whitmer, Bruce	OG	6-3	232	Jr	Liberty, MO
Williams, Jerry	S	6-0	180	Jr	Kansas City, MO
Williams, Jornel	TB	5-11	189	Jr	St. Louis, MO
Williams, Mike	DE	6-3	205	Jr	Bluff, IL
Wolfenberger, Kurt	OT	6-3	230	So	Hutchinson, KS
Woods, Pete	QB	6-4	200	So	University City, MO
Yearian, Joel	OG	6-3	233	Jr	Woodridge, IL
Zimmerman, Dave	OT	6-2	232	So	Centralia, IL

"Freshman Harvest"

Missouri saves 6 grants-in-aide to encourage a strong walkon program

By BILL BECK *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI was so quiet last winter about the fruits of its football recruiting program that alarmed alumni, looking apprehensively toward schedules including Southern Cal (1976-77), Ohio State (1976), Alabama (1978) and Notre Dame (1978) began to fear crop failure.

Right or wrong, coach Al Onofrio is convinced that the 30 grant-in-aid annual limit and the impending 105 squad total (1977) turned recruiting into a different ballgame—one in which secrecy has its place.

As a result, he didn't disclose the identities of his signees until well after the February 26 national letter-of-intent deadline. But when he did, he described the crop as better than average.

Onofrio saved six grants.

"There were several players whose grades were marginal on February 26 but who may qualify by the end of their spring terms," he explained. "We wanted to be able to take them.

"We also plan to have a strong walk-on program of freshman-junior varsity football. We want to be flexible enough so if players in this program qualify for grants, we'll have them.

"And it may be we'll turn up specific needs. If we do, we can look to the junior colleges to fill them."

The Missouri coaches were especially pleased with two big ends from the St. Louis area, a quarterback and running back from Kansas City, a burner from Dayton, Ohio, and a couple of potentially big linemen with outstanding speed.

The prize catch may have been Steve Hamilton, a 6-foot-5, 234-pound defensive end from St. Louis Central who was the Public High League's defensive player of the year.

Hamilton had 101 individual tackles, 17 assists and 19 sacks of the quarterback for his so-so Central Redwings. The school is not a traditional PHL power so Hamilton became the first Redwing ever to make the All-Metro team chosen by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He also made All-State.

Although Hamilton was a three-year starter in football, the news that excited the Missouri staff was about his ability to play basketball, not that he is a college prospect on the hardwood.

"But he didn't go out until his senior year and he became a starter," said Onofrio. Central was No. 1-ranked until it lost in the final of the district to rival Sumner. So Hamilton's agility, body control and ability to learn seem outstanding.

"I think we got the special people you have to get to make sure your program keeps going," said the coach. "We got three fine quarterbacks, we got running backs and we got prospects with speed."

Prize catch in the quarterback department was Mark Capra who was All-Mr. Everything in the Kansas City area and widely sought.

"It is pretty rare when you come across a natural quarterback prospect who is both an excellent runner and excellent passer," said Clay Cooper, coordinator of Mizzou's recruiting. Capra, 6-2 and 190, has 4.7-second speed at 40 yards and an exceptionally quick arm.

Tops among the running backs may be Chris Garlich (6-2, 215) also of Kansas City. Garlich has 4.6 speed and is a natural athlete. He won the Missouri high jump championship with a leap of 6-7 and propelled his 215 pounds more than 13 feet in the pole vault.

The fastest Tiger since Mel Gray (1970) is the way they describe Charles Burge who logged a 9.3-second 100-yard-dash in prep competition at Dayton, Ohio. He is 6-1, 175 and was a wide receiver in football.

"The trouble is," said Onofrio, "his team rarely threw the ball. But he has to have good hands because he was a basketball player, too."

Kellen Winslow (6-4, 215) of East St. Louis satisfied an Onofrio priority of at least one outstanding prospect at tight end. He has 4.8 speed and the strength to maintain that agility as he matures into the 220's.

Kurt Petersen of St. Louis and Terry Wingbermuehle of Imperial are likely looking tackles. They are 6-4, 230, and 6-5, 225, respectively and still growing. MU coaches are impressed with their 4.9 speed.

Onofrio kept his recruiting progress under wraps long after other Big Eight schools had publicized their lists because he believes there is far more pressure on the blue chip prospects now than was the case a couple of years back when recruiters could sign 40.

He thinks prospects, reading of great recruiting success at school A, might turn to school B on the theory that an opportunity to play would come sooner there. And he had a case in point.

Russ Lisch, a Belleville, Ill., quarterback who had been talking earnestly with Missouri, signed with Notre Dame when the word got out that Capra had chosen Missouri.

The secrecy, though, boomeranged. Not only did Tiger alumni become alarmed but rumors began to circulate that there was a black boycott of Mizzou which accounted for the lack of recruiting announcements.

Actually, using three grants stockpiled last year, Onofrio signed 27 players, including four from junior college. Of these, 11 (41 percent) were black—a Missouri record.

"I'm not going to be defensive about our recruiting because I don't have to be," said the coach. "Of course we didn't get everybody we wanted and we never do. I wish we had gotten more big linemen and, specifically, I wish we had gotten a center. I try for one every year.

"You have to judge your recruiting season by 20-20 hindsight," he continued. "If, in 1977, we look around and see a lot of people we recruited in 1975 doing good things, then we can say 1975 was a great year. Until then, you just have to hope." *For complete roster, see page 74.*

"I wouldn't trade our two fullbacks for any two in the country."

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Williams, still searching for the greatness predicted for him when he came out of Homer, La., as a prep all-American in 1972, is clearly number one, though. "I really expected Dave to be improved in the spring, so I wasn't surprised by his play," Mallory said. "He has more poise and confidence than a year ago. We'll continue to play two quarterbacks, both Dave and Jeff, but Williams is very definitely number one."

Williams' big edge? Total command of Colorado's option game. Austin, who will never be a great runner but could be effective, still needs work technically on the pitch, a big part of CU's game when there are runners like Waddy and Reed to spring on the corners.

Colorado's most effective runner, though, might not be either Waddy or Reed, but senior fullback Terry Kunz, who "arrived" under Mallory a year ago after finally escaping the shadow of first-round pro draft pick Matthews. Kunz rushed for 693 yards and seven touchdowns, getting most of his yardage during a big final half of the season when he might have been the Big Eight's best fullback—79 yards and two touchdowns in 19 carries vs. Missouri, 74 yards in 16 rushes vs. Nebraska, 126 yards and one touchdown in 24 attempts vs. Kansas, 80 yards and three touchdowns in 18 chances vs. Oklahoma State and 77 yards and one touchdown in 17 trips vs. Kansas State.

With 219-pound Jim Kelleher back after missing the '74 season because of groin surgery, Mallory feels he has the best fullback combination in the country. "I wouldn't trade our two fullbacks for any two in the country. I'm sold on 'em. And I'm glad they're on our side. I wouldn't want to play against 'em."

Mallory may have the biggest offensive line in the league, too, what with 6-7, 231-pound Don Hasselbeck at tight end, 6-5, 266-pound Mark Koncar and 6-9, 261-pound Steve Young at tackles, 6-2, 259-pound Leon White at the guard spot opposite Hakes and 6-6, 248-pound Steve Brock at center. They're agile, too. Hasselbeck is good enough to play college basketball but has never tried, concentrating instead on developing his upper body. Koncar played baseball (first base) in the spring and hit .355 in the Big Eight. Young was a prize off-season pupil of Frank (Chief) Prentup, a former football assistant and head baseball coach at CU who teaches rope-skipping.

Depth. Try Larry Mauler, an occational starter last year before Hasselbeck came on, at tight end; senior Charlie Fernandez and sophomore Matt Miller (voted top '74 freshman and another imposing youngster at 6-6, 266) at tackles; Willie Brock, Pete's "little" brother at 6-4, 264, at guard spot if he recovers from spring knee surgery, and Steve Kubinski (6-4, 225, soph from Lubbock, Tex.), a converted defensive end, at center.

Colorado returns both of last year's kicking specialists, punter Stan Koleski (38.2-yard average) and placekicker Tom MacKenzie (25-for-27 on PATs and 5-for-11 on field goals). They'll be challenged by a couple of spring-sport athletes in the fall—baseballer Bobby Morris in the punting department and track sprinter Ray Pryor on placements.

WILL DAVID LOGAN (88) ever realize his full potential?

BILLY WADDY
(6-0, 183, Jr)
Tony Reed
(5-11, 203, Jr)

TERRY KUNZ
(6-2, 215, Sr)
Jim Kelleher
(6-2, 218, Jr)

EMERY MOOREHEAD
(6-2, 205, Jr)
Paul Krause
(6-1, 195, Sr)
Melvin Johnson
(5-11, 173, Jr)

DAVID WILLIAMS
(6-2, 205, Sr)
Jeff Austin
(6-4, 210, Jr)

DON HASSELBECK
(6-7, 231, Jr)
Larry Mauler
(6-5, 221, Sr)

MARK KONCAR
(6-5, 266, Sr)
Charlie Fernandez
(6-2, 251, Sr)

LEON WHITE
(6-2, 259, Jr)
John Sutrina
(6-1, 217, So)

PETE BROCK
(6-6, 248, Sr)
Steve Kubinski
(6-4, 225, So)

Steve Hakes
(6-1, 237, So)
Steve Stripling
(6-2, 246, Sr)

STEVE YOUNG
(6-9, 261, Sr)
George Osborne
(6-7, 240, So)

DAVE LOGAN
(6-5, 219, Sr)
Larry Williams
(6-3, 179, Jr)

WHITNEY PAUL
(6-4, 213, Sr)
Leon Minter
(6-4, 214, So)

Charlie Johnson
(6-3, 282, Jr)
Frank Patrick
(6-2, 260, Jr)

STEVE GRIFFIN
(5-10, 203, Sr)
Tiloi Lolotai
(6-0, 220, Jr)
Reuban Vaughan
(6-4, 237, Fr)

Bob Simpson
(6-5, 243, Sr)
Jackie Thornton
(6-4, 313, So)

TROY ARCHER
(6-4, 241, Sr)
Dave Rice
(6-4, 218, Jr)

Bill Muxlow
(6-1, 214, Jr)
Gary Campbell
(6-1, 219, Sr)

Bart Roth
(6-1, 207, Jr)
Tom Perry
(6-3, 223, So)

Tom Tesone
(6-2, 199, Jr)
Randy Westendorf
(6-2, 184, So)

Mike Davis
(6-4, 198, Jr)
Mike Cilento
(5-9, 174, So)

Mike Spivey
(6-0 196, Jr)
JERRY MARTINEZ
(5-10, 187, Sr)

MIKE McCOY
(5-11, 178, Sr)
Tom Hilton
(6-2, 169, Jr)

DEPTH CHART

CAPS indicate returning starters

THE HUMAN ERASER

The Buffs' defense has never fully recovered from the loss of Herb Orvis and Bud Magrum. But the imposing presence of 6-3, 296-pound Charlie Johnson heralds the return of this lickpenny legend.

By **FRANK HARAWAY** *Denver Post-Dispatch*

LAST FALL AT HIS WEEKLY Monday morning press conference, which too often turned out to be a post-mortem, Colorado Football Coach Bill Mallory made vague but frequent reference to a junior college tackle who might be at least a partial answer to the Buffaloes' defensive problems.

He was hesitant to name the tackle for fear he might not get him or would jinx his chances by premature mention of his name.

Happily for Mallory and for CU, the dream of having a 280-pound tackle with speed, strength, agility, quickness and lateral movement became a reality when Charlie Johnson of Tyler, Texas, Junior College fame cast his lot with the Buffaloes last January.

"He could be another Selmon," said Mallory, who is a bit guarded in his comments until the new Buff behemoth proves himself under Big Eight fire. He didn't feel it necessary to say which Selmon, but if Johnson turns out to be like any of the three, the joy in Bisonville will be unrestrained.

Publicly, CU coaches feel it only discreet to tone down their comments on Johnson for the time being. Privately, they find it hard to contain their enthusiasm over what they saw of him in spring football.

"He made great progress in a short time in spring ball," Mallory confides. "I'm pleased the way he worked and got after it. There's still a lot of work ahead for him and for us but if he continues to improve at the same rate in the fall, he'll get to be an excellent defensive tackle."

"He was eating people alive," was the way one of the CU staffers put it. "Nobody could handle him and nobody could believe his lateral moves. He's aggressive, delivers his blow, then slides off or through to make the tackle."

The recruiting job on Johnson was handled by Cottrell B. McGowan, a former backfield assistant under Eddie Crowder (now athletic director). McGowan now concentrates entirely on recruiting except for a springtime stint as assistant baseball coach.

McGowan had a built-in advantage in the battle for the prize lineman who was recruited by all schools in the Southwest Conference, Pac-8 powers Southern California and UCLA, plus Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas State and Colorado of the Big Eight, among others.

McGowan, who was to become a CU aide in 1969, had his first association with Johnson in 1967 when the latter was a sophomore fullback and defensive end for West Columbia, Texas, participating in a playoff game at Freeport, Texas, where McGowan was a prep coach.

Two years later Johnson was a senior in the same backfield with tailback Charlie Davis, who was enticed to CU by McGowan and went on to set school rushing records for game, season and career. Davis still holds the single-game Big Eight record of 342 yards and is second to Oklahoma's Steve Owens in career rushing with 2,172 yards.

McGowan also tried to recruit Johnson, who averaged nearly 20 carries per game and provided excellent blocking support for Davis as West Columbia's backfield starters gained 4,000 yards in 13 games in reaching the state AAA finals. But it was no soap at that time.

"He was just a 235-pound baby of 18 years then," McGowan recalls. "He was just starting to grow."

"I had no plans for college ball then," Johnson said. "I felt I needed some maturity first so I went into the army." He served two years and nine months before being mustered out on May 3, 1973, and played no football while in service.

He decided he needed some junior college play to get back into the swing of football and enrolled at Tyler JC in the fall of '73. Despite his bulk he operated mostly as a successful tight end in Tyler's Veer-T attack.

"I still went in on defense in some crucial situations last year," he said. In addition to playing defensive tackle on short-yardage situations, he also played some as nose guard, defensive end and linebacker.

By the time he completed his junior college play, the college recruiters were

CHARLIE JOHNSON stayed in Boulder over the summer to concentrate on the Buffs' Nautilus weight training equipment.

talking to a mature 24-year-old. Despite the large number of schools pressing for his enrollment, Johnson limited his campus visits to three schools. "I didn't want to string anybody along," he said with refreshing concern for those college people who often spend fruitless hours and dollars in pursuit of athletes having no intention of enrolling at their schools.

For all of his spadework, McGowan thought he probably had lost Johnson when he signed a letter of intent at Texas A&M. "I thought I was going there," Johnson said. But while McGowan was back in his old home area for Christmas vacation, he received a telephone call from Johnson, who had decided to visit CU and wanted to do so immediately.

McGowan hurriedly arranged for the Boulder campus visit and also made sure that Davis would do some talking to Johnson.

McGowan plays down his own part in landing Johnson. "Charlie Davis did a heckuva recruiting job for us," he said. "He made a big difference. So did J. V. Cain (another CU star of 1971-73 recruited by McGowan from the Houston area)."

Johnson admitted he probably wouldn't have come to CU if it hadn't been for his old high school friend with whom he had kept up contact through the post-high school years.

"C. D. (Davis) told me everything at Colorado would be as Coach McGowan promised. He said nobody ever lied to him at Colorado. He kept telling me 'if you come, you'll sign.' He was right. I arrived on a Friday night at 8 o'clock and I signed the letter at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and enrolled for the second semester.

"I fell in love with the place. Besides, I had decided I wanted to play in the Big Eight. I checked and found out that the Big Eight draws more pro scouts. If you want to play football, the Big Eight's the place."

Pro football, of course, is his eventual goal and it was this fact that made him decide he wanted to be a defensive tackle instead of a tight end.

"I guess it shakes up the defense when they see a 285-pound tight end but I really don't have the great speed for a receiver. (CU coaches, however, have clocked him as fast as 4.7 in the 40 and several times at 4.8.) I'd have stayed at tight end if I hadn't gotten so heavy (up to 296). But I'm sure my best chance is on defense. And I love it at defensive tackle.

"I've got to learn to read situations more quickly. And I had to get used to the four-point stance we use at Colorado. I'd been used to the three-point."

No story about Johnson would be complete without mention of his weight. Mallory thought 282 was too much weight for him and had him put on a diet and a vigorous weight-lifting program with lots of running. He even had some of the coaches running with him. "After about three weeks of the regimen we put him on the scales and what do you suppose he weighed? Two-eighty-two, that's what. Maybe that's as low as we can get him."

Johnson stayed in Boulder for the summer and worked hard to get off some more pounds.

"I hope to start fall practice no heavier than 275 and maybe 270," he said. "It would make me a step faster. But I feel I can play effectively between 280 and 285 if I can't get down any lower." That's a lot of weight for a frame that is not quite 6-foot-3.

The fact that the big guy with the friendly grin is 24 years old starting his CU career doesn't bother the Buffs. They had particularly happy experiences with older guys out of the service in recent years when Mike Montler and Herb Orvis achieved All-Big Eight recognition and Bud Magrum had one big year for the Buffs.

"He has all the tools to be as great as he wants to be," said Tom Batta, coach of CU's defensive interior. "And he wants to be great. I only wish we had three of him, like Oklahoma had with its three Selmons."

TERRY KUNZ

DAVID WILLIAMS

PETE BROCK

MIKE McCOY

COLORADO ROSTER

MELVIN JOHNSON

TROY ARCHER

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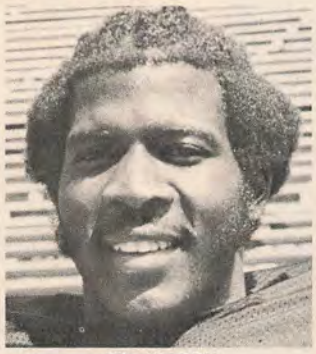

BILL WADDY

STEVE GRIFFIN

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Archer, Troy	DE	6-4	241	Sr	Whittier, CA
Arnold, Blake	QB	6-1	180	So	Oklahoma City, OK
Austin, Jeff	QB	6-4	210	Jr	Torrance, CA
Brace, Doug	TB	6-4	217	Jr	Canon City, CO
Bradley, Larry	DE	6-4	205	So	Security, CO
Brock, Pete	C	6-6	24	Sr	Beaverton, OR
Brock, Willie	OG	6-4	264	So	Beaverton, OR
Bryan, Rick	NG-DT	6-1	230	Jr	LaPuente, CA
Cabral, Brian	NG	6-0	212	So	Honolulu, HI
Campbell, Gary	FB	6-1	219	Sr	Honolulu, HI
Carrington, Riley	DE	6-4	210	Fr	Cleveland, TX
Chinatti, Howard	SE	6-1	177	Jr	Falls Village, CN
Cliento, Mike	DHB	5-9	174	So	Colonia, NJ
Colet, Nick	LB	6-2	215	Jr	Hawthorne, CA
Confer, Pat	DE	6-1	215	So	Colonia, NJ
Cox, Ted	QB	6-2	189	So	Gretna, NE
Davis, Mike	DHB	6-4	198	Jr	Los Angeles, CA
Edelstein, Jeff	NG	6-0	199	So	Columbus, OH
Fernandez, Charlie	OT	6-2	251	Sr	Honolulu, HI
Fleming, Dennis	TB	5-11	190	So	Trenton, OH
Fredette, Fran	NG	6-2	225	Jr	Oxnard, CA
Gatewood, Robert	DHB	6-3	186	Jr	Memphis, TN
Griffin, Dave	DT	6-3	238	So	Fort Collins, CO
Griffin, Steve	NG	5-10	203	Sr	Boulder, CO
Hagan, Mike	DE	6-4	227	So	Lubbock, TX
Hakes, Steve	OG	6-1	237	So	Aurora, CO
Hasselbeck, Don	TE	6-7	231	Jr	Cincinnati, OH
Harris, Brad	LB	6-0	194	So	Bear Creek, CO
Heinrichs, Vern	DHB	6-1	212	So	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Hilton, Tom	DHB	6-2	169	Jr	Galveston, TX
Johnson, Charlie	DT	6-3	282	Jr	West Columbia, TX
Johnson, Gary	LB	6-3	216	So	Arvada, CO
Johnson, Melvin	TB	5-11	173	Jr	Bourg, LA
Kelleher, Jim	FB-TB	6-2	218	Jr	Fort Wayne, IN
Kelley, Clancy	C	6-2	225	So	Elizabeth, CO
Kerin, Mike	DE	6-1	223	Jr	Colorado Springs, CO
Kihm, Buddy	DHB	6-2	186	So	Chanute, KS
Koleski, Stan	KS	6-4	201	Jr	Broomfield, CO
Koncar, Mark	OT	6-5	266	Sr	Murray, UT
Krause, Paul	SE	6-1	195	Sr	Littleton, CO
Krupicka, Mark	DE	6-5	211	So	Odessa, TX
Krushall, Walter	LB-FB	6-1	214	So	Boling, TX
Kubinski, Steve	C	6-4	225	So	El Paso, TX
Kunz, Terry	FB	6-2	215	Sr	Wheat Ridge, CO
LaGarde, Robet	SE-TB	5-11	175	Jr	Bourg, LA
Locke, Terry	DHB	6-0	196	So	Denver, CO
Logan, Dave	WB-SE	6-5	219	Sr	Wheat Ridge, CO
Lolotai, Tiloi	DT	6-0	220	Jr	Honolulu, HI
Mackenzie, Tom	DHB-K	5-11	179	Sr	West Covina, CA
Maloney, Dennis	LB	6-2	206	So	San Mateo, CA
Martinez, Jerry	DHB	5-10	187	Sr	Denver, CO
Mauler, Larry	TE	6-5	221	Sr	Englewood, CO
McCarter, Chuck	DHB	6-4	185	So	Fort Worth, TX
McCoy, Mike	DHB	5-11	178	Sr	West Memphis, AR
Miller, Matt	OT	6-6	266	So	Durango, CO
Minter, Leon	DE	6-4	214	So	Kent, WA
Montagne, Mike	DHB	5-7	150	So	San Jose, CA
Moorehead, Emery	WB	6-2	205	Jr	Evanston, IL
Morris, Bobby	KS	6-0	175	Jr	Boulder, CO
Mundell, Joe Bob	DHB	6-0	197	So	Walsh, CO
Muxlow, Bill	LB	6-1	214	Jr	Bakersfield, CA
Nall, Webb	OT	6-4	245	Sr	Thomaston, GA
Olds, Dennis	QB-TE	6-4	218	So	Topeka, KS
Osborne, George	OT	6-7	240	So	Salida, CO
Patrick, Frank	DT	6-2	260	Jr	Houston, TX
Paul, Whitney	DE	6-4	213	Sr	Galveston, TX
Perkins, Horace	DHB	5-11	169	Jr	El Campo, TX
Perry, Tom	FB	6-3	223	So	Colorado Springs, CO
Phillips, Alvin	LB	6-0	218	Jr	Security, CO
Phillips, Scott	LB	5-9	184	So	Longmont, CO
Porter, Elworth	SE	5-11	165	So	Houston, TX
Pousson, Ray	QB	6-0	199	So	Orange, TX
Reed, Tony	TB	5-11	203	Jr	Wichita, KS
Rice, Dave	LB	6-4	218	Jr	Torrance, CA
Roth, Bart	LB	6-1	207	Jr	Aurora, CO
Roy, James	SE-TB	6-0	165	So	Denver, CO
Russomanno, Roger	OG	6-3	241	So	Denver, CO
Salvi, Dave	QB	5-10	188	Jr	Salida, CO
Simpson, Bob	DT	6-5	243	Sr	Littleton, CO
Spivey, Mike	DHB	6-0	196	Jr	Houston, TX
Stokes, Sam	TB	6-1	196	Jr	Phoenix, AZ
Strain, Duane	OG	6-2	227	Jr	Lakewood, CO
Stripling, Steve	OG	6-2	246	Sr	Carlsbad, NM
Sutrina, John	OG	6-1	217	So	Grand Junction, CO
Tesona, Jim	DHB	6-0	185	So	Englewood, CO
Tesone, Tom	DHB	6-2	199	Jr	Englewood, CO
Thomson, Rick	LB	6-0	201	Jr	Ridgway, CO
Thornton, Jackie	OT	6-4	288	So	Farmington, NM
Tope, Mike	NG-C	6-0	199	So	San Antonio, TX
Waddy, Billy	TB	6-0	183	Jr	Boling, TX
Walker, Derrick	DHB	5-8	155	So	Denver, CO
Washington, Gary	SE	6-2	204	So	Denver, CO
Watson, Greg	TE	6-3	201	So	Belleville, IL
Weaver, Tim	LB	6-1	186	So	Arvada, CO
Westendorf, Randy	DHB	6-2	184	So	Kent, WA
White, Leon	OG	6-2	259	Jr	Bell, CA
Williams, David	QB	6-2	205	Sr	Homer, LA
Williams, Larry	SE	6-3	179	Jr	Sweeny, TX
Young, Steve	OT	6-9	261	Sr	Ontario, CA

"Freshman Harvest"

Knapple's unexpected return caps a conspicuous Colorado Crop

By **DAN CREEDON** *Boulder Camera*

BILL MALLORY ALWAYS HOPED the day would never come when he'd have to depend on playing a freshman. But as the day nears, the second-year University of Colorado coach isn't nearly as apprehensive as he might have been a year or two ago.

The freshman Mallory suspects Big Eight opponents may be seeing a lot of this fall is Ruben Vaughan, a 6-4, 244-pound middle guard from Jordan High School in Los Angeles.

The first time Mallory set eyes on Vaughan, his fears over the possibility of using a freshman in a key role, and on defense no less, were eased. "Floyd (running back coach Floyd Keith) met Ruben first," Mallory explained. "And that's all he'd chatter about, Ruben Vaughan, Ruben Vaughan . . . So I went into Watts to meet the young man at Jordan High. Well, when Vaughan came through the door, I came to attention real quick. Just like that. If he walked in here today, you might guess he's 24. He's a very mature young player. Very bright, too."

Vaughan and 20 of Colorado's other 31 recruits (21 freshmen and 10 junior college players who enrolled at mid-year) have a common bond: they will be asked to bolster a defense which ranked last in the Big Eight in practically every category last fall.

Vaughan was one of three Southern California preps signed personally by Mallory on the mid-February Wednesday when high schoolers could first ink national letters. The CU coach didn't hide his glee in landing Vaughan, who was also sought by Southern California. Shortly before midnight, after returning from signing Vaughan, 6-foot-6 all-CIF center Scott Krogstad (Glendora, Calif.) and 6-foot-5 wingback Wayne Thompson (Downey, Calif., St. John's Bosco), Mallory was on the telephone briefing writers who regularly cover the Bison footballers over the successful venture which capped his first full recruiting year at Colorado.

Even Mallory didn't hesitate to admit it was a much more successful recruiting year for Colorado than his first try in 1974, when he had less than eight weeks to contact prospects after being tapped as Eddie Crowder's successor.

"There's no question we hit some defensive spots really hard, particularly at mid-year when we brought in junior-college help," Mallory said. "But we felt we had no choice. We had to get some seasoned people who could help us immediately." Six of the 10 junior college players signed by Mallory and his staff either were playing with number one units before spring drills ended or challenging for starting jobs—quarterback Jeff Austin (6-4, 215, El Camino, Calif.) and tailback Tony Reed (5-11, 195, Antelope Valley, Calif., J.C.) on offense and tackle Charlie Johnson (6-3, 282, Tyler, Tex., J.C.), end Dave Rice (6-4, 215, El Camino, Calif.), linebacker Bill Muxlow (6-2, 218, Bakersfield, Calif., J.C.) and cornerback Mike Davis (6-3, 198, East Los Angeles, J.C.). A seventh, middle guard Fran Fredette (Moorpark, Calif., J.C.) was expected to be in the middle of the Griffin-Lolotai-Vaughan tug-of-war in the fall, after recovering from knee surgery.

Few, if any, of Mallory's juco signees were gambles. Reed ("I got me a tailback now who'll run north and south," grins the Colorado coach) and Johnson were first-team J.C. All-Americans. Austin, whose only offer coming out of high school was a partial baseball ride to Southern Calfornia, where an older who is now a coach, Joe, had played on both national championship football and baseball squads. But the one-time prep defensive end blossomed as a quarterback at El Camino, earning second-team J.C. All-American honors after completing 146 of 274 passes for 1,899 yards and 19 touchdowns. "The guy he reminds me of is Jerry Tagge at Nebraska," says Dean Brittenam, Colorado's recruiting coordinator (and a former Nebraska aide)

The offensive newcomer with the most long-range potential, though, may be the 6-5, 215-pound Thompson, who played on a 4A-CIF runnerup team which had more heralded backfield performers at quarterback and tailback. "I've had a lot of coaches in Southern California tell me Thompson is a real sleeper. He has real good possibilities, either as a fullback or tailback," Mallory says of the youngster who accounted for 977 yards rushing and receiving in a secondary role as a prep senior.

Colorado landed a quarterback for its incoming class from an unexpected source when Jeff Knapple, a prep all-American at Fairview High School in Boulder who began his college career at UCLA, revealed in May he would transfer to CU. Knapple, who first signed a Big Eight letter-of-intent with Nebraska before choosing UCLA, will have three years of eligibility in the Big Eight beginning in 1976.

The '75 Colorado frosh class will be heaviest on linebackers and defensive backs, with a pair of in-staters, Cherry Creek linebacker Brian McCabe (they say he is another Rocky Martin) and Arvada West safety Tim Roberts (the state's two-time low and high hurdles champion) perhaps in the forefront.

When three of the state's more heralded prep products opted to go elsewhere on signing day (Arapahoe fullback Jim Howard to Arkansas, Grand Junction quarterback Pete Cyphers to Colorado State U., and Boulder Fairview tackle Chris Foote to Southern Cal), Mallory bristled and came to the defense of his in-state signings. "I think young guys like Timmy Roberts and Brian McCabe, although they may not have received as much publicity as some other kids in the state, are as good prospects as you'll find any year in Colorado. They can come in and play right away. I don't necessarily mean start, but they could be in backup roles quickly."

Howard Ballage (6-1, 180, Pueblo South) and Tony Allen (6-0, 185, Bakersfield, Calif.) are prep running backs the Colorado coach projects as contending for backup roles in the defensive secondary as frosh.

Linebacker Stuart Walker (6-3, 205, Rockford, Ill., East) and defensive tackle Gart Hartling (6-3, 225, Beaverton, Ore.) are defenders who come in with prep All-American credentials. Tom Catt, an all-state linebacker from Grand Junction, is seen as an Apache back (monster-rover) in Mallory's defensive scheme. *For roster, see page 74.*

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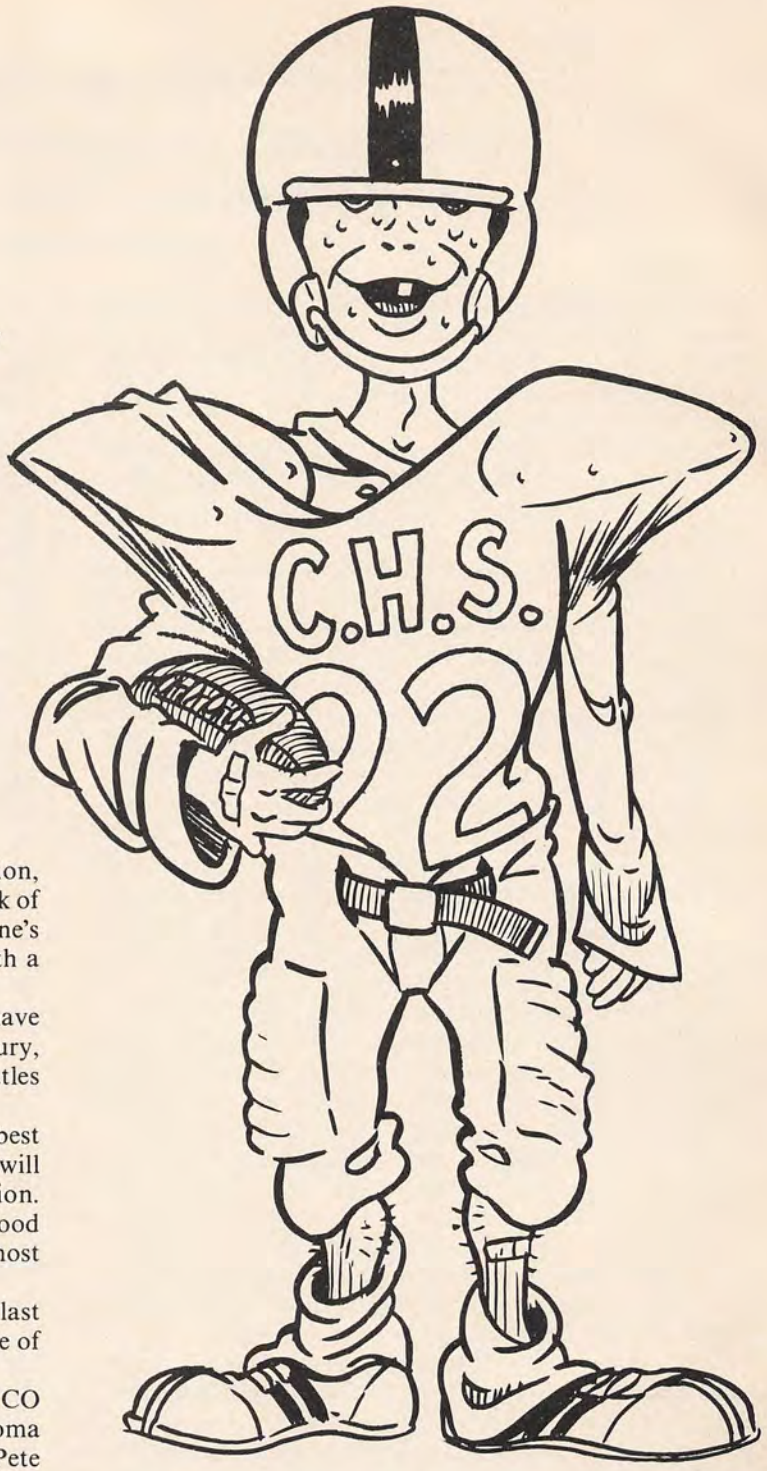

WHEN YOU THINK OF HIGH SCHOOL graduation, you usually associate it with a diploma. When you think of graduates on the Big Eight Football Magazine's "Schoolboy Super Star" list, you can associate it with a college scholarship.

Players who make this "Super Star" team usually have already been contacted by a host of schools. Barring injury, they will be the subject of some heated recruiting battles during the next few months.

College coaches have told us who they think are the best prospects in the Big Eight area. Of course this list will change a little when they see some more players in action.

But we figure the pre-season list can be a pretty good measuring stick as to who will be wined and dined the most after the prep season has concluded.

Just look and see how the Big Eight Magazine did last year with its little crystal ball that looks into the future of Friday night heroes.

Offensive stars like Chris Foote of Boulder, CO (Southern Cal), Gerald Green of Purcell, OK (Oklahoma State), Jerome Heavens of St. Louis (Notre Dame), Pete Cyphers of Grand Junction, CO (Colorado State), Ben Cowins of St. Louis (Arkansas) and Gregg Byram of Norman (Oklahoma) all were named to All-American squads.

Let's not forget some Big Eight Magazine defensive graduates who became All-Americans last year. This list includes Cleveland Crosby of St. Louis (Purdue), Dennis Balagna of Kansas City (Kansas), Mike Gaither of Tulsa, OK (Oklahoma), Mark Goodspeed of Kansas City (Nebraska) and teammate Chris Garlich (Missouri).

That's eleven All-Americans. Not bad, thank you. So you can understand why coaches from all over the country gather in the six-state Big Eight area to watch prep talent and then sign it.

Once again the talent is plentiful. College coaches have already made some kind of contact with the players on this year's "Schoolboy Super Star" roster.

There are a couple of younger brothers who are following in the impressive footsteps of their kin.

One of the brother acts is Brad Budde of Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, MO. Budde is trying to follow Ed Budde, an all-pro selection with the Kansas City Chiefs and now a member of the New York Jets.

Like Ed, Brad is big—6-4, 240—and he runs the 40 in 4.9.

"I've coached four players who are in the NFL now, and I would say that Brad Budde has as much potential as any of them," said Rockhurst coach Al Davis. "The college coaches have already been visiting us."

This sounds like big talk, but listen to this. Davis (and all other coaches in the Kansas City area) think he has a lineman just as good as Budde. His name is Jeff Crippin and he runs the 40 in 4.9 to go with his 6-3, 225-pound frame.

"Crippin is a better offensive player and Budde is better on defense," continued Davis. "I think they're the two best linemen in Kansas City."

Crippin and Budde played on the same team this year with Goodspeed and Garlich. "They're in the same category as Goodspeed and Garlich," says Davis. "They both could be All-Americans."

The top prospect in Oklahoma could be the second brother act we mentioned above. He's Barry Burget of Stroud, OK. The name Burget may sound familiar to you since Grant Burget started at halfback for Oklahoma and signed a pro contract with the New Orleans Saints.

"When people ask me to compare Barry and Grant I just bring up the fact that Grant scored 17 points in the state track meet as a junior and so did Barry," Stroud coach Bert Graham said. "Barry was first in the broad jump, second in the shot, second in the discus and third in the high hurdles. According to Grant, 'Barry is faster than I am right now.' He's run a windblown 4.6 in the 40. He'll be the best prospect in Oklahoma."

Making up this year's backfield are quarterback J.C. Watts of Eufaula, OK, Mark Gingell of Shawnee Mission, KS, Gerry Ellis of Columbia, MO, Jay McKim of Denver and Sam Yowell of Lincoln, NE.

McKim is just about a unanimous pick for the No. 1 running back in Colorado.

"He could very well be the top running back prospect in the entire Big Eight area next year," said one recruiter. "He's definitely the best in Colorado. He should be one of the best in the country."

Gingell is said to be the best scooter in the Kansas City area. He's 6-1, 200 and runs a 4.7 in the 40. He gained 1,541 yards last season.

Ellis is another of the big back variety. He's 6-1 via 220. He almost had a first down every time he carried the ball gaining 8.79 yards a tote.

Yowell carried 149 times for 862 yards. "He was the best back in Lincoln and I think he was the best in the state," said coach Lee Zentic. "Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas State have already shown interest. He's also a major league catching prospect. He has a rifle arm and hit over .400."

When Oklahoma and Oklahoma State coaches talk about a quarterback prospect in the Sooner State, the conversation always starts with the name of J.C. Watts.

"You're not going to find a better wishbone prospect," said one recruiter. Watts is 6-0, 185 and runs a 4.7 in the 40. "We've had some great quarterbacks come out of this state in recent years, but he could be as good as any of them."

Named on the defensive line are Burget, Jim Mathews of Shawnee Mission, KS, LaVell Short of Columbine, CO, Budde and Mike Leaders of Council Bluffs, IA.

The name Short has already been mentioned as definite All-American timber for the upcoming season.

"Every coach in Colorado has heard about him," said John DiTolla of Denver Kennedy. "He's quite a prospect. He'll be one of the most recruited linemen in the state."

One college recruiter had the following to say about Short: "He could play either the defensive line or could be a linebacker. He would be a big Rod Shoate or a small Dewey Selmon."

Leaders is one of the top players in Iowa. He specializes in getting to opposing quarterbacks. He's 6-2, 210 and travels the 40 in 4.9.

This year's group of linebackers may be the best ever put out by the Big Eight Magazine. All three of the candidates have been mentioned on some pre-season All-American teams.

These are Mike Joyce of Denver, Greg Olson of Fremont, NE, and Lester Dickey of Kansas City, MO.

When Joyce came to Lakewood High, he was a split receiver. He has played guard on offense and linebacker on defense. He'll be used as a running back on offense this year.

"Mike is going to be one of your better linebackers around," said a college recruiter. "He has the size (6-3, 200) and can find the football real well."

Everyone in Nebraska prep circles has heard about Olson. The Huskers would like to keep him a secret, but coach Jack Bryant admits that numerous major schools from all over the country are interested.

The reason is that Olson is 6-2, 200 and runs the 40 in 4.7. He rushed for over 1,500 yards last year.

Dickey is another who should be heard from in the future. He's 6-3, 200 and can move in 4.7 speed in the 40. "I can't see how he could possibly miss," said a Kansas City coach. "I'll betcha every Big Eight school recruits him next year."

The defensive backs are Kent McNorton of Topeka, Chris Willis of Purcell, OK, and Joe Adams of Bellevue, Nebraska.

Adams is supposed to be the No. 1 prospect in Nebraska and people in the know say Willis will be the best running back in Oklahoma.

What gets recruiters excited about Adams is that he stands 6-4, weighs 220 and can run a 40-yard dash in 4.7. He'll play linebacker, defensive back and fullback at times.

"I think Adams is at his best when he's on defense," said coach Bill James. "That's because he can get behind a runner and then just run him down. He's capable of being a super player."

Willis, a 6-2, 170-pounder, ran a 9.8 100-yard dash for the Purcell track team in the spring. He's led the team in pass interceptions as both a sophomore and junior.

He's played in the same backfield as Gerald Green the past two seasons. One game as a sophomore when Green was hurt, he rushed for 168 yards.

"He'll be better than Gerald Green simply because he's bigger and can already play defense better than Green," said a college scout.

That's something about the "Schoolboy Super Stars" for '75. You'll be hearing quite a bit about them in the upcoming months.

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OFFENSIVE TEAM

Second Team

TE **JEFF SCHOLL,** (6-6, 220, 4.9), Central City, NE
T **JOHN JACKSON,** (6-6, 250, 5.0), Aurora (Central), CO
G **DALE TOOKER,** (6-3, 225, 4.8), Grand Junction, CO
C **MARK MAHMENS,** (6-2, 205, 4.9), Goose Lake, IA
G **DAVID LOVELACE,** (6-1, 230, 4.9), Caney, KS
T **JO WALSTAD,** (6-3, 250, 5.2), Altus, OK
SE **JAMES COWINS,** (6-2, 195, 4.6), St. Louis (Sumner), MO
QB **MARK McINTOSH,** (5-11, 170, 4.6), Raytown, MO
RB **JIMMY ALLEN,** (6-0, 180, 4.6), Idabel, OK
RB **FRANK TAYLOR,** (6-1, 185, 4.7), Omaha (North), NE
RB **JOHN GIANINI,** (6-1, 220, 4.8), Hazelwood (Central), MO

Third Team

TE **JUNIOR ROSS,** (6-4, 200, 4.7), Caney, KS
T **DAVE EFRON,** (6-4, 245 5.0), LaDue (Horton Watkins), MO
G **RICK HORTON,** (6-1, 230), Shawnee Mission, KS
G **MARK CAROLAN,** (6-1, 234, 5.1), Salida, CO
G **RONNIE FERGUSON,** (6-2, 230, 5.1), St. Louis (Bash.), MO
T **TODD RANGER,** (6-3, 245, 5.2), Oklahoma City (P.C.), OK
TE **BEN FRUEHAUF,** (6-4, 240, 4.9), Midwest City, OK
QB **DIRK DEVORE,** (6-4, 200, 4.7), Larned, KS
QB **GUY McCLURE,** (6-2, 190, 4.7), St. Louis (Maplewood), MO
RB **AL JOHNSON,** (6-1, 190, 4.6), Emmetsbury, IA
RB **TIM WURTH,** (5-6, 170, 4.9), Omaha (Burke), NE
WR **MIKE EDWARDS,** (6-2, 190, 4.6), Denver (Kennedy), CO

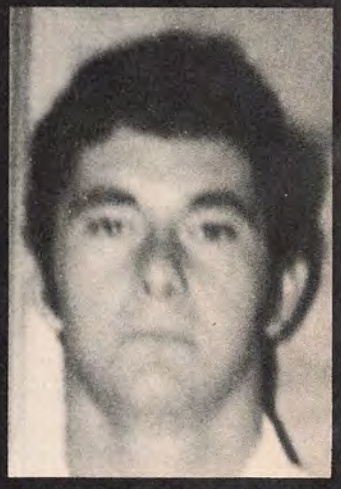
BACK

MARK GINGELL, Kansas City, KS (6-1, 200) All-State selection as junior. Considered top running back in KC area. Was leading scorer in Kansas with 22 TDs last year. Rushed for 1,541 yards and caught passes for 161 yards. Intercepted 5 passes. Runs 40 in 4.7. "He just sheds tacklers all over the field. There's no doubt about it—he's the best runner in Kansas City. Everyone will agree with you there," said one rival prep coach.

TACKLE

MIKE GAY, Salina, KS (6-5, 250) "Has unlimited potential," says prep coach Leroy Dreier. "Not only is he big, but he's fast. He runs the 40 in 4.9. Can play either on offense or defense." Gay excelled in basketball and was the starting center. "He has the physical capacities of someday being a pro player. He'll just keep getting better and better. Has great lateral movement."

GUARD



GREG KOLENDA, Kansas City, KS (6-3, 240) "If you want to talk about one of the top line prospects in the KC area, you better talk about Greg Kolenda," said one rival coach. "He's one of the best around. He killed us last year." Runs the 40 in 5.0. Very strong—bench presses 385 pounds. Threw the shot 57-10 in track. "He's a great offensive line prospect," says Bishop Ward coach Moe Werner. "He'll be one of the top linemen around. He has super quickness."

BACK

JAY McKIM, Denver, CO (6-0, 185) Rushed for 1,200 yards in 13 games last year for state championship Denver Kennedy team. In state quarterfinals ran for 236 yds. against Cherry Creek. Scored 6 TDs in 3 playoff games. "He was the best running back in Colorado last season. He's a super-duper," said one Big Eight recruiter. "Everyone in the country will be recruiting him this year." McKim, who runs the 40 in 4.6., is also a standout basketball and track performer.

BACK

GERRY ELLIS, Columbia, MO (6-1, 220) Had 802 rushing as junior and averaged 8.79 yds. per carry. Was an all-stater as a junior. Put the shot 55-8 and threw the discus 162-10. Has run a 10.0 100 and a 4.7 40. "He knocks people over," said coach Tom Travis. "If there's a better running back around, he must be something else. Quite a few colleges have already asked about him."

BACK

SAM YOWELL, Lincoln, NE (5-10, 180) Led Lincoln East to state championship last season. Gained 862 yards rushing with a 5.8 per carry average. Averaged 15.3 yds. on punt returns and 34.9 on kick-off returns. Considered the best running back in the state. Runs the 40 in 4.5. "He'll be the best runner in Nebraska this season," said Lincoln coach Lee Zentic. "He's an elusive type runner with outstanding moves. I thought he was the best in the state as a junior."

QUARTERBACK

J.C. WATTS, Eufaula, OK (6-0, 185) College coaches have been keeping close tabs on him ever since he was a soph. "There's no doubt about it, he's the best quarterback prospect in the state. He can do it all. Would be super running a college wishbone offense," said a college recruiter. Was used at tailback when the team needed his running ability. Finished the year with over 1,000 yards rushing and scored 112 points. A fine passer. Runs the 40 in 4.7.

CENTER

JEFF CRIPPIN, Kansas City, MO (6-3, 225) Comes from the same school (Rockhurst) that produced such standouts as Mark Goodspeed and Chris Garlich last season. Good athlete. Has thrown the shot 51 feet and the discus 155. Runs the 40 in 4.9. Was an outstanding center for the Rockhurst basketball team. Averaged 43.9 yards on kick-offs. "He's going to be a great one," says Rockhurst coach Al Davis. He has excellent balance.

GUARD

BRUCE KIPHART, Littleton, CO (6-1, 235) Has 4.9 speed in the 40. "I think Bruce is the finest lineman that I have ever coached," said Arapaho coach James Smith. "We ran most of our offense over him when he was a junior. His knack is blocking. I wouldn't trade him for any other lineman in Colorado. He's really strong in the chest. There have been at least 30 schools that have already contacted him. He's a super college prospect."

TACKLE

ED CULVER, Tahlequah, OK (6-4, 265) He has college coaches drooling. Runs the 40 in 5.0. A college recruiter compared him to OU soph Jeff Ward. "I feel Culver does a lot of things like Ward did in high school," said the recruiter. "He's big and strong. I think after one year in college he could be a great offensive lineman." Culver is an outstanding heavyweight wrestler. He was a state runnerup and state Junior Olympic champion.

END

STUART CARDER, Sand Springs, OK (6-4, 205) One of the top line prospects in Oklahoma. "I believe Carder will be one of the most sought after players in the state if not the most," says coach Jim Webb. "He's the best tight end I've ever seen in high school. He makes unbelievable one-handed catches. He catches the ball and then runs over people. He could start as a freshman for most colleges." Carder came back from a car accident last year and played in the sixth game of the campaign.

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DEFENSIVE TEAM

Second Team

DE **TONY YOUNG,** (6-3, 195, 4.8), Kansas City (Central), MO
T **SYD HAYNES,** (6-3, 245, 5.0), Oklahoma City (Grant), OK
NG **KERRY WEINMASTER,** (6-0, 190, 4.9), North Platte, NE
T **JIM CARNER,** (6-3, 250, 5.1), Tulsa (Hale), OK
DE **JOE BEN SHANTZ,** (6-4, 240, 4.7), Buffalo, MO
LB **J.D. WEIMAN,** (6-2, 195, 4.7), Denver (Lakewood), CO
LB **ROD PRAY,** (6-2, 195, 4.8), Junction City, KS
LB **SIMEON SIMMONS,** (6-1, 185, 4.6), St. Louis (Beau.), MO
DB **KIM EUBANKS,** (5-10, 170, 4.7), Shawnee Miss. (NW), KS
DB **SCOTT BURGERN,** (6-0, 170, 4.7), Okla. City (Put.W.), OK
DB **DAN SPRICK,** (6-1, 185, 4.5), Webster Groves, MO
DB **MIKE WEBB,** (6-2, 210, 4.7), Air Academy, CO

Third Team

DE **RON BONES,** (6-3, 200, 4.7), Pueblo (East), CO
T **FRED OSBORN,** (6-4, 240, 4.9), Howard (West Elk), KS
NG **BRYANT FAULKNER,** (6-2, 225, 4.9), St. Louis (Bash.), MO
T **RICK KING,** (6-4, 200), Butler, MO
DE **ALONZO GRIFFIN,** (6-1, 192, 4.6), Sand Springs, OK
LB **JIM GALL,** (6-3, 220, 4.8), Kansas City (Van Horn), MO
LB **J.K. HART,** (6-3, 210, 4.8), Houston, MO
LB **DOUG BOLDT,** (6-1, 190, 4.8), Topeka (Hayden), KS
DB **DON LLOYD,** (6-2, 200), St. Louis (Ritenour), MO
DB **GREG SEHNERT,** (6-2, 190), St. Louis (Normandy), MO
DB **UDACK UDOFIA,** (5-9, 170, 4.6), Lincoln, NE

END

MIKE LEADERS, Council Bluffs, IA (6-2, 210) All-Metro, All-City, All-Southwest Iowa and third team All-State as junior. Made 35 unassisted tackles last year. Runs 40 in 4.9. "I think potentially Mike is a super major college prospect," said coach Don Hinkle. "He could very well be the best lineman in Iowa. He is unbelievable as a pass rusher. He always seems to be in the opposing backfield. He has excellent lateral movement and chases the ball well."

CORNERBACK

CHRIS WILLIS, Purcell, OK (6-2, 170) Has played second fiddle as runner to Gerald Green, who's heading to OSU. Has run the 100 in 9.8 and the 40 in 4.4. Rushed for 900 yards last year. "He might make people forget about Gerald Green," said a Purcell coach. "What a prospect he is as a defensive back. North Texas says he could start in their defensive backfield this season. He has the same kind of talent as Gerald Green," said coach Milt Bassett. Considered the top running back prospect in Oklahoma.

CORNERBACK

KENT McNORTON, Topeka, KS (6-2, 190) Went both ways and gained over 1,000 yards rushing. Does the 40 in 4.8. Has outstanding range. "I think he's a great defensive back prospect," said coach Bill Mosley. "He likes to hit and covers a lot of ground. He's a smart player." "When we played them we just threw the ball in the opposite direction from where McNorton was," said a rival coach. "He has good sense and is just about impossible to beat. He'll be one of the best this year."

TACKLE

BRAD BUDDE, Kansas City, MO (6-5, 240) Could be one of the most recruited line prospects in the country. His brother Ed has been an all-pro selection with the KC Chiefs—is now with the Jets. Brad has 4.9 speed along with his size. Most coaches in Kansas say he's the No. 1 line prospect. Has thrown the discus 149 feet. "He's the best high school lineman I've ever seen," said one Kansas prep coach. "He's just simply awesome out there. Everyone around will recruit him."

NOSE GUARD

LaVELL SHORT, Columbine CO (6-3, 220) Considered by most as the top defensive prospect in Colorado. Has great quickness and runs a 4.8 40. Bench presses 335 pounds. "I watched him last year and was impressed. I think he'll be a great college player," said a Big Eight recruiter. Averaged 12 tackles a game. "I've coached Paul Smith, who is with the Denver Broncos, and I think LaVell is quicker," said high school coach Sherm Pruitt.

TACKLE

JIM MATHEWS, Shawnee Mission, KS (6-4, 245) All-league as junior. Threw discus 153 feet in track. Has great strength. "He has real good mobility," praised coach Larry Taylor. "I think he'll be an excellent college prospect. He needs to work on his speed a little. He runs the 40 in 5.2. College coaches have shown quite a bit of interest in him." "He's one of the best linemen in Kansas," said a rival coach. "We just ran away from him when we played against his team."

END

BARRY BURGET, Stroud, OK (6-3, 205) Also an outstanding running back. Averaged 8.1 yards per carry as junior on Class 2A championship team. Brother Grant a starting running back at OU last year. "College recruiters have already told me that Barry would probably be the No. 1 recruit in Oklahoma this season," said coach Bert Graham. "He's a lot like Grant, but he's bigger." Outstanding athlete. Scored 17 points in state track meet as junior. College coaches like him as end or linebacker best.

SAFETY

JOE ADAMS, Bellevue, NE (6-4, 224) Considered by most as the No. 1 college prospect in the state. Comes from same school as current Husker standouts Monte Anthony and Rik Bonness. Runs 40 in 4.7. Played mostly at linebacker last year; could play any position. Will be used more as a runner this year. "He's a great athlete. He's a super baseball player and can throw the discus a mile," said prep coach Bill James. "He could play anyplace on the football field for us. He's that good."

LINEBACKER

GREG OLSON, Fremont, NE (6-2, 200) Made Omaha Herald all-state team as a junior at linebacker. Has started in football and basketball since his sophomore year. Hard-running fullback. Missed 2 games, then rushed for over 1,500 yards last year. Runs 40 in 4.7. Averaged 34.6 yards per punt. "Quite a few Big Eight teams have already contacted Greg," said Fremont coach Jack Bryant. "Notre Dame has also shown interest. He was the only junior on the all-state team. He's a great athlete."

LINEBACKER

LESTER DICKEY, Kansas City, MO (6-3, 210) Has excellent lateral pursuit and runs the 40 in 4.7. Has been a standout at Southeast High. "He was the best linebacker in the KC area last year," said a rival coach. "He's very mean on that football field and you have a very tough time trying to fool him. I think he'll be a great college prospect. He's already made quite a name for himself in this part of the woods."

LINEBACKER

MIKE JOYCE, Lakewood, CO (6-3, 204) All-State selection as junior. "He's a great linebacker," said Lakewood coach Pete Levine. "He's so strong it's pretty hard for anyone to handle him. He's as good as I've ever coached. The big thing is his strength. He's unreal." Considered the No. 1 linebacking prospect in Colorado

TOP 100

LINEMEN

Brad Budde, 6-5, 250, Kansas City (Rockhurst), MO
Jeff Crippin, 6-3, 230, Kansas City (Rockhurst), MO
Rick King, 6-4, 200, Butler, MO
Jim Gall, 6-3, 220 (4.8) Kansas City (Van Horn), MO
Don Willey, 6-3, 210 (5.0) St. Louis (Bishop DuBourg), MO
Greg Houston, 6-3, 260 (5.0) Warrenton, MO
Jerry Grodie, 6-4, 220 (5.0) Pacific, MO
Dave Efron, 6-4, 245 (5.0) St. Louis (Horton Watkins), MO
Ronnie Ferguson, 6-1½, 230, St. Louis (Bashon), MO
Alphonso Leake, 6-4, 230 (4.8) St. Louis (Sumner), MO
Joe Walstad, 6-3, 250 (5.1) Altus, OK
Jim Carner, 6-5, 240, Tulsa (Hale), OK
Syd Haynes, 6-3, 245, Oklahoma City (Grant), OK
Ed Culver, 6-4, 265, Tahlequah, OK
Todd Ranger, 6-3, 245 (5-2) Oklahoma City (Putnam), OK
Alonzo Griffin, 6-1, 192 (4.6) Sand Springs, OK
Mike Berry, 6-3, 200 (4.6) Oklahoma City (Millwood), OK
Matt Armstrong, 6-3, 230 (5.0) Edmond, OK
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Rodney Williams, 6-3, 195 (4.8) St. Louis (Sumner), MO
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Stuart Carder, 6-4, 205 (4.7) Sand Springs, OK
Bruce Taton, 6-3, 195 (4.7) Tulsa (Hale), OK
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Jim Colob, 6-4, 190 (4.9) Pueblo (South), CO
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Criss Tyler, 5-10, 170, Kansas City (Lincoln), MO
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Tom Reed, 5-10, 170 (4.7) Fruita (Monument), CO
Frank Delco, 5-9, 180 (4.8) Salida, CO
Mark Driscoll, 6-0, 160, LaJunta, CO
Brad Humphrey, 6-1, 195 (4.7) Bellevue, NE
Dirk Devore, 6-4, 200 (4.7) Larned, KS
Kim Eubanks, 5-10, 170 (4.7) Shawnee Mission (Northwest), KS
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Joe Adams, 6-4, 224 (4.7) Bellevue, NE
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Greg Olson, 6-2, 200 (4.8) Fremont, NE
Rod Pray, 6-2, 195 (4.8) Junction City, KS
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Bobby Moore, 6-3, 190 (4.7) Okmulgee, OK
Rob Kaufman, 6-1, 195 (4.8) Tulsa (Hale), OK
Thom Royce, 6-2, 180 (4.7) Tulsa (Rogers), OK
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Paul Ameen, 5-11, 185 (4.8) Midwest City, OK
Jay McKim, 6-0, 185 (4.6) Denver (Kennedy), CO
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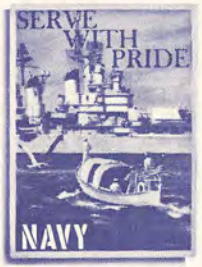

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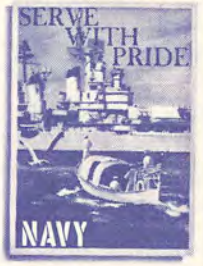

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